

Charity registration number: 1060678

# Alconbury Independent Baptist Church

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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## **Alconbury Independent Baptist Church**

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## **Alconbury Independent Baptist Church**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Charles Luwaya
	Vernon Erekosima
	Joy Jeevan Joseph Darla
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1060678
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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Chase Accountancy Limited
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# **Alconbury Independent Baptist Church**

## **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### ***Objects and aims***

The object of Alconbury Independent Baptist Church is:

- (a) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrines of the church
- (b) the support of missions at home and abroad

The Charity was formed by a declaration of trust dated 5th November 1996.

In pursuit of these objects the trustees expend the charity's resources on:

- (a) Engaging ministers, speakers and paying their expenses. (Ministry).
- (b) Paying for the organisation and hosting of events and projects that provide an opportunity for people to find Jesus. (Mission).
- (c) Maintaining and hiring premises that provide a meeting place for members and visitors. (Upkeep of church premises)
- (d) Necessary administration incurred in the running of the church. (Administration).

### **Going concern**

The Church operates an unrestricted general fund which serves the objects as described above.

In addition and in line with Biblical principles and in agreement with the wishes of the church membership the trustees grant at least 10% of the Church's income in each year to bodies with similar objectives. The bodies and individuals selected by the trustees are chosen mainly from needs known to the membership of the Church. (Donations to other causes).

### **Structure, governance and management**

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

Trustees are normally elected, by the church members, at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### **Financial instruments**

#### ***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 1 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

**Alconbury Independent Baptist Church**

**Trustees' Report (continued)**

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Charles Luwaya  
Trustee

## **Alconbury Independent Baptist Church**

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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 incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 1 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Charles Luwaya  
Trustee

## **Alconbury Independent Baptist Church**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Alconbury Independent Baptist Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Alconbury Independent Baptist Church for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of Alconbury Independent Baptist Church you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Alconbury Independent Baptist Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Alconbury Independent Baptist Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....  
Rebecca Scott-Clegg  
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1 November 2024

# Alconbury Independent Baptist Church

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies		47,274	47,274
Investment income	2	109	109
Total income		47,383	47,383
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		(44,751)	(44,751)
Total expenditure		(44,751)	(44,751)
Net income		2,632	2,632
Net movement in funds		2,632	2,632
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		38,862	38,862
Total funds carried forward		41,494	41,494
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies		46,368	46,368
Investment income	2	17	17
Total income		46,385	46,385
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		(50,206)	(50,206)
Total expenditure		(50,206)	(50,206)
Net expenditure		(3,821)	(3,821)
Net movement in funds		(3,821)	(3,821)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		42,682	42,682
Total funds carried forward		38,861	38,861

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note .



# Alconbury Independent Baptist Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

### 1 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from community groups	-	42,712	42,712
Gift aid reclaimed	-	3,592	3,592
Regular giving and capital donations	-	970	970
<b>Total for 2024</b>	-	47,274	47,274
<b>Total for 2023</b>	60	46,308	46,368

### 2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	109	109
<b>Total for 2024</b>	109	109
<b>Total for 2023</b>	17	17

### 3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Ministry		5,913	5,913
Mission		3,147	3,147
Upkeep of church premises		35,033	35,033
Administration		658	658
<b>Total for 2024</b>		44,751	44,751
<b>Total for 2023</b>		50,206	50,206

# Alconbury Independent Baptist Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Activity undertaken directly £	Total expenditure £
Ministry	5,913	5,913
Mission	3,147	3,147
Upkeep of church premises	35,032	35,032
Administration	659	659
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<u>44,751</u>	<u>44,751</u>
<b>Total for 2023</b>	<u>50,206</u>	<u>50,206</u>

# Alconbury Independent Baptist Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

### 4 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

### 5 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank	<u>41,494</u>	<u>38,861</u>

### 6 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Total funds at 31 March 2024
	General	Designated	
	£	£	£
Current assets	<u>38,254</u>	<u>3,240</u>	<u>41,494</u>
		Unrestricted funds	Total funds at
		General	31 March
		£	2023
Current assets		<u>38,861</u>	<u>38,861</u>

### 7 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2023	At 31 March 2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>38,861</u>	<u>38,861</u>
Net debt	<u>38,861</u>	<u>38,861</u>
	At 1 April 2022	At 31 March 2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>42,683</u>	<u>42,683</u>
Net debt	<u>42,683</u>	<u>42,683</u>

### 8 Related party transactions

## Alconbury Independent Baptist Church

### Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>		
Donations and legacies	47,274	46,368
Investment income	109	17
Total income	<u>47,383</u>	<u>46,385</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
Charitable activities	<u>(44,751)</u>	<u>(50,206)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(44,751)</u>	<u>(50,206)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>2,632</u>	<u>(3,821)</u>
Net movement in funds	2,632	(3,821)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>		
Total funds brought forward	<u>38,862</u>	<u>42,682</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>41,494</u></u>	<u><u>38,861</u></u>

## Alconbury Independent Baptist Church

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	47,274	46,368
Investment income (analysed below)	<u>109</u>	<u>17</u>
Total income	<u>47,383</u>	<u>46,385</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	<u>(44,751)</u>	<u>(50,206)</u>
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## Alconbury Independent Baptist Church

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><i>Donations and legacies</i></b>		
Missions	970	870
General Offerings	42,712	35,987
Gift Aid	3,592	6,271
Designated offerings	-	3,180
Designated Missions	-	60
	<u>47,274</u>	<u>46,368</u>
<b><i>Investment income</i></b>		
Interest received	<u>109</u>	<u>17</u>
	<u>109</u>	<u>17</u>
<b><i>Charitable activities</i></b>		
Ministers salary	-	(15,658)
Pension Contributions	-	(2,433)
Speakers & pastoral services	(5,913)	(1,918)
Childrens Ministry	(300)	(170)
Training	-	(789)
Speakers & pastoral services	(800)	(978)
General Rates	(2,241)	(1,690)
Water rates	(498)	(639)
Light & Heat	(6,652)	(7,080)
Repairs & Renewals	(23,588)	(11,222)
Telephone & Internet	(949)	(806)
Website costs	(198)	(185)
Post & Stationery	(228)	(349)
Subscriptions and licences	(181)	(169)
Benevolent Fund Grant	-	(35)
Caretaking and cleaning	(125)	(106)
Fellowship Catering	(469)	(813)
General travel	-	(366)
Publicity/ Advertising	(22)	(66)
Accountancy	(608)	(791)
Insurance	(1,929)	(1,557)
Professional fees	(50)	-
New Equipment	-	(439)
HMRC PAYE	-	(1,947)
	<u>(44,751)</u>	<u>(50,206)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.