

Baldock Baptist Church

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Trustees' Annual Report 2023

Baldock Baptist Church

Registered with the Charity Commission No. 1065910

A. Matters That All Charities Must Report

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I. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

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a) The charity's name: **BALDOCK BAPTIST CHURCH**

b) The charity registration number: **1065910**

c) The address of the principal office of the charity:

4 Arnolds Close, Clifton, Shefford, SG17 5SZ

d) The names of all those who were the charity's trustees or custodian trustees on the date the report was approved:

Trustee 1

Title: MRS
Personal Names: ELIZABETH MARGARET
Family Name: NORTHERN

Trustee 2

Title: MRS
Personal Names: NICOLA ANNE
Family Name: CHAPMAN

Trustee 3 (ALSO CHAIRMAN)

Title: MR
Personal Names: PETER JOHN
Family Name: CHAPMAN

Trustee 4

Title: MR
Personal Names: DANIEL
Family Name: NOLAN-NEYLAN

Trustee 5

Title: MR
Personal Names: PETER
Family Name: NORTHERN

Trustee 6

Title: PASTOR
Personal Names: JONATHAN EDWARD
Family Name: NORTHERN

e) The name of any other person who served as a charity trustee or custodian trustee in the financial year in question: **N/A**

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Where the disclosure of the names of any charity trustees, custodian trustees, senior staff member, or persons with power of appointment, or of the charity's principal address could lead to that person being placed in personal danger (for example in the case of a women's refuge), the charity trustees may dispense with the disclosure provided that the Charity Commission has given them authority to do so. 42

N/A

2. Structure, governance and management 44

The Annual Report should provide the reader with an understanding of how the charity is constituted, its organisational structure and how its trustees are appointed and trained and assist the reader to understand how the charity's decision-making processes work.

The Baldock Baptist Church Charity aims to support the work of the church which meets at the Community Centre, Simpson Drive, Baldock and is known as 'Baldock Baptist Church'. Baldock Baptist Church was constituted on 1st January 2006 and has adopted the Baptist Confession of Faith 1689. The Church has a defined membership of believers, baptised by immersion, and holds half yearly church meetings, presided over by our Pastor, Jonathan Northern. Special Church Meetings may be called as required. At Year End there were 37 members. A list of the current membership is available on request to our Church Secretary.

The Church Meetings of Baldock Baptist Church are the properly constituted means for conducting all the business and affairs of the Church. The minutes of these meetings are private. Some examples of matters arising at our Church Meetings: appointment of Trustees, election of Church Officers, applications for membership, disciplinary matters, financial report, planning of activities, allocation of funds for Sunday and Midweek Worship services, Sunday School and overseas ministry.

The Pastor has the final decision on the appointment of Trustees.

The contact details of Pastor Jonathan Northern are as follows:

Radwell Bury Farmhouse East, Radwell, Hertfordshire SG7 5ES

Telephone: 01462 834464

3. A financial review containing: 55 & 56

Our main source of income is derived from regular gifts of the Membership and congregation.

The primary areas of expenditure are: hire of premises, Sunday School, Bibles, Live Streaming,

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grants to overseas ministries, remuneration for visiting speakers and the assistance of needy individuals.

The Building Fund was established to enable us to allocate to monies towards the purchase a maintenance of a building in future. At present the church does not own its own premises.

4. Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

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The Trustees do not act as custodians.

B. Matters That Smaller Charities, Not Subject To Statutory Audit, Must Also Report

1. Objectives and activities

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Charities that are not subject to a statutory audit requirement may limit their disclosures within this section to a summary of the charity's objects as set out in its governing document and to providing a brief summary of the main activities undertaken in relation to those objects.

The objective of the charity is the spread of the Christian religion. The main activities are: worship services, mid-week meetings, outreach ministries on the street and in a care home, Sunday School, Holiday Bible Club, Youth Camp, Men's Breakfast, Ladies' Breakfast and Ladies' Prayer Meeting.

2. Achievements and performance

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The average worship congregation in-person each Sunday was 90 plus a number joining the services online each week. The average attendance at the Sunday School was 30 children.

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Baldock Baptist Church Accounts		January - December 2023	
Opening Balances		Expenditure	
Current Account General	£77,175.18	Benevolent	£368.99
Current Account PDF	£39,450.00	Visiting Speakers	£1,950.00
Current Account Building Fund	£115,600.00		
Current Account B Fund	£1,730.69	Overseas Aid	
Current Account Beirut	£2,000.00	Beirut	£2,000.00
Current Account Sri Lanka	£2,000.00	Sri Lanka	£2,780.00
Current Account Ukraine	£2,410.00	Ukraine	£3,000.00
Account C Building Fund	£100,300.00	Pastor Emmanuel	£800.00
Account D Building Fund	£100,000.00	Siberia	£2,500.00
Cash	£114.66	Mombasa	£1,000.00
Total Opening Balance	£440,780.53	Accountancy	£205.20
		Audio Equipment	£298.80
Income		Baptistry Use at Westoning	£400.00
Offerings	£68,978.99	Building Hire	£9,321.32
Donations - Beirut	£5,745.00	Camp Expenditure	£2,469.05
Donations - Building Fund	£6,400.00	Church Support Fellowship	£6,000.00
Donations - Ukraine	£470.00	Conferences + Creation Meetings	£408.00
Camp receipts	£1,615.00	Email lists	£24.91
Bank Interest	£951.44	Evangelical Times	£89.10
For Flights to Sri Lanka	£2,315.00	Flights to Sri Lanka (JN, EN, OW)	£2,315.00
Refunds	£6.00	Gift to Tabernacle Cardiff (Camp)	£1,500.00
Total Income	£86,481.43	Information Commission's Office	£35.00
		Insurance	£339.62
Non-deposited cash offerings	£1,661.60	PDF	£44,960.00
		Refreshments	£263.04
Total Income inc cash	£88,143.03	Safeguarding and DBS	£8.50
		Sermon Audio	£497.04
Opening balances + Total Income	£528,923.56	Sunday School	£1,440.64
		Tracts and Outreach	£226.15
		Website	£131.87
		Zoom	£369.36
		Total Expenditure	£85,701.59
		Closing Balances	
		Current Account General	£86,691.57
		Current Account PDF	£24,490.00
		Current Account Building Fund	£122,000.00
		Current Account B Fund	£1,367.70
		Current Account Beirut	£5,745.00
		Account C Building Fund	£100,049.04
		Account D Building Fund	£101,102.40
		Cash	£1,776.26
		Total Closing Balance	£443,221.97
		Total Expenditure + Closing balances	£528,923.56
Notes:			
1. Interest will be higher in 2024, as Accounts C & D now have higher fixed interest rates			
2. PDF contribution was £30,000. Expenditure at £44,000 reflects previously accrued balance being spent			
3. Sunday School spend was higher in 2024 due to summer treats and also includes Tender Grape subscription and HBC			
4. No HMRC gift aid this year. We plan to claim in early 2024.			

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Baldock Baptist Church

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on page 4 above.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 next statement.

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Independent examiner's statement

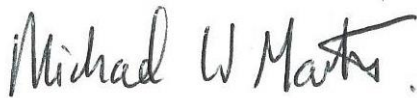
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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.



Michael Martin

Fellow of Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

7 Penfold Close,

Baldock,

Herts,

SG7 6UT

06 September 2024

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