

WITHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1072623

Details

Other names WITHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1998-11-26

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENETS, ORDINANCES AND PRACTICES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION OF PROTESTANT DISSENTERS IN WITHAM, ESSEX.

Activities: Religious activities

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WITHAM
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£39,725	£29,141	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,554	£26,869	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,753	£26,969	-	-
2022-03-31	£166,399	£27,079	-	-
2021-03-31	£30,470	£25,069	-	-

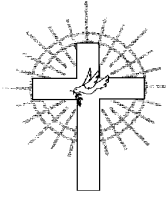
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev MICHAEL RAYMOND CHILD	Chair	
PHILIP JAMES WEST		
Shelley Pritchard		2026-03-03

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The Trustees met once during the year.

Membership

As at end of March we had 9 members as we had the privilege of welcoming 4 new members. We have also been greatly encouraged that the regular weekly congregation continues growing numerically.

The Diaconate

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Baptismal Service

There were no Believers' Baptisms during the year, but one is planned, our first in 15 years, during April 2025

Giving

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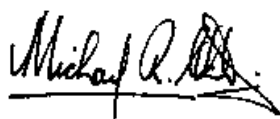
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Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2025

Receipts and Payments Account (General Purposes Fund)

Income Receipts

	£	£	<u>2024</u>
Donations			21481
Weekly Offerings	23922		2390
L & E Message	2565		97
Leprosy Mission	100		-
D & A Boyle	-		-
Millgrove	35		75
BRE Ukraine	-		-
Farleigh Hospice	170		160
Preacher's Fees Gifted Back	171		174
Other	<u>402</u>		-
	27365		
Trading Activities			
Subscriptions and Tuck Sales	-		-
Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest	<u>88</u>		-
	27453		<u>24377</u>
Income Tax Rebate			
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>32803</u>		<u>28710</u>

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Hire of Premises	2910		1970
Minister's Stipend and NI	18097		17578
Minister's Council Tax	3113		2933
Preacher's Expenses	<u>428</u>		<u>477</u>
	24548		22958

Other Expenditure

Advertising	324		324
Churches Together in Witham	40		-
Baptist Union Subscription	28		26
Millgrove	35		-
L & E Message	2565		2390
Data Protection	40		40
D & A Boyle	-		-
P C Help	72		53
Farleigh Hospice	170		160
CCL Licence	148		98
Insurance	445		428
The Leprosy Mission	100		80
Website Costs	-		-
Purchase of Bibles	216		-
Transfer Building Fund	-		-
Sundry Expenses	410		<u>312</u>
			<u>3911</u>
<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>29141</u>		<u>26869</u>

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the Year	3662	1841
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Cash and Bank balances at 31 March 2024	<u>4415</u>	<u>2574</u>
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Income Receipts	£	£	<u>2024</u>
Donations			
In Memory Of	260		100
Other	50		-
Sundry	-		-
Sundry	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
	310		100
Trading Activities			
Buy a Brick		-	-
Knitting	16		27
Sundry Sales		-	-
Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest	<u>6596</u>		<u>2717</u>
Total Receipts	6922		2844
Other Expenditure			
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total Payments	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Net Receipts for the Year	<u>6922</u>		<u>2844</u>
Building Fund Balance at 31 March 2024		<u>147592</u>	<u>144748</u>
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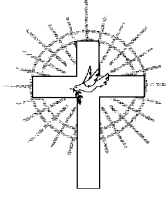
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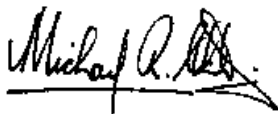
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	£	£	<u>2023</u>
Donations			18067
Weekly Offerings	21481		2145
L & E Message	2390		80
Leprosy Mission	97		200
D & A Boyle	-		95
Millgrove	75		90
BRE Ukraine	-		110
Farleigh Hospice	160		80
Preacher's Fees Gifted Back	174		-
Other	<u>-</u>		
		24377	
Trading Activities			
Subscriptions and Tuck Sales		-	-
Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest		<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
		24377	20871
Income Tax Rebate		<u>4333</u>	<u>4198</u>
Total Receipts		<u>28710</u>	<u>25069</u>

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Hire of Premises	1970		1700
Minister's Stipend and NI	17578		17752
Minister's Council Tax	2933		2838
Preacher's Expenses	<u>477</u>		<u>745</u>
		22958	23035

Other Expenditure

Advertising		324	312
Churches Together in Witham		-	55
Baptist Union Subscription		26	24
Donations		-	65
Millgrove		-	95
L & E Message		2390	2145
Data Protection		40	40
D & A Boyle		-	200
P C Help		53	53
Farleigh Hospice		160	110
CCL Licence		98	92
Insurance		428	401
The Leprosy Mission		80	80
Website Costs		-	-
Stationery		-	-
Transfer Building Fund		-	-
Sundry Expenses		312	<u>262</u>
			<u>3934</u>
Total Payments		<u>26869</u>	<u>26969</u>

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the Year

	1841	(1900)
Cash and Bank balances at 31 March 2023	<u>2574</u>	<u>4474</u>
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Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2024 Receipts and Payments Account (Building Fund)

Income Receipts	£	£	<u>2023</u>
Donations			
In Memory Of	100		50
Other	-		-
Sundry	-		-
Tax Reclaimed on Covenants and Gift Aid	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
		100	<u>50</u>
Trading Activities			
Buy a Brick		-	-
Knitting		27	30
Sundry Sales		-	-
Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest		<u>2717</u>	<u>604</u>
Total Receipts		2844	684
Other Expenditure			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Payments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Receipts for the Year		<u>2844</u>	<u>684</u>
Building Fund Balance at 31 March 2023		<u>144748</u>	<u>144064</u>
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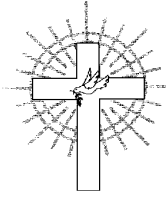
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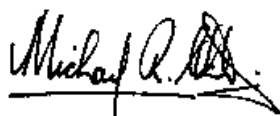
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Income Receipts

	£	£	<u>2022</u>
Donations			18427
Weekly Offerings	18067		18427
L & E Message	2145		1525
Leprosy Mission	80		-
D & A Boyle	200		1850
Millgrove	95		65
BRE Ukraine	90		-
Farleigh Hospice	110		75
Preacher's Fees Gifted Back	80		-
Other	<u>-</u>		115
		20867	
Trading Activities			
Subscriptions and Tuck Sales		-	-
Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest		<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>
		20871	22057
Income Tax Rebate		<u>4198</u>	<u>4418</u>
Total Receipts		<u>25069</u>	<u>26475</u>

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Hire of Premises	1700		1013
Minister's Stipend and NI	17752		18087
Minister's Council Tax	2838		2725
Preacher's Expenses	<u>745</u>		<u>510</u>
		23035	22335

Other Expenditure

Advertising		312	312
Churches Together in Witham		55	-
Baptist Union Subscription		24	24
Donations		65	65
Millgrove		95	65
L & E Message		2145	1525
Data Protection		40	40
D & A Boyle		200	1850
P C Help		53	-
Farleigh Hospice		110	75
CCL Licence		92	127
Insurance		401	396
The Leprosy Mission		80	-
Website Costs		-	-
Stationery		-	-
Transfer Building Fund		-	-
Sundry Expenses		262	<u>265</u>
			<u>4744</u>
Total Payments		<u>26969</u>	<u>27079</u>

Net (Payments)/Receipts for the Year (1900) (604)

Cash and Bank balances at 31 March 2022 4474 5078

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Income Receipts	£	£	<u>2022</u>
Donations			
In Memory Of	50		250
Other	-		-
Sundry	-		-
Tax Reclaimed on Covenants and Gift Aid	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
		50	250
 Trading Activities			
Buy a Brick		-	-
Knitting		30	21
Sundry Sales		-	-
 Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest		<u>604</u>	<u>914</u>
Total Receipts		684	1185
 Other Expenditure			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Payments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Net Receipts for the Year		<u>684</u>	<u>1185</u>
 Building Fund Balance at 31 March 2022		<u>144064</u>	<u>142879</u>
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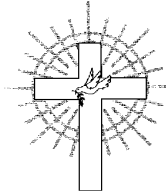
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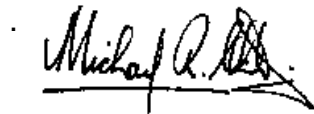
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Pastor and Chairman of the Trustees

WITHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2022

Receipts and Payments Account (General Purposes Fund)

Income Receipts

	£	£	<u>2021</u>
Donations			15695
Weekly Offerings	18427		15695
L & E Message	1525		1345
Leprosy Mission	-		160
D & A Boyle	1850		2700
Millgrove	65		-
Air Cadets	-		-
Farleigh Hospice	75		70
Harvest	-		70
Other	<u>115</u>		18
		22057	
Trading Activities			
Subscriptions and Tuck Sales		-	-
Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		22057	20058
Income Tax Rebate		<u>4418</u>	<u>5203</u>
Total Receipts		<u>26475</u>	<u>25261</u>

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Hire of Premises	1013		-
Minister's Stipend and NI	18087		17213
Minister's Council Tax	2725		2675
Preacher's Expenses	<u>510</u>		<u>120</u>
		22335	20008

Other Expenditure

Advertising		312	-
Churches Together in Witham		-	-
Baptist Union Subscription		24	34
Donations		65	40
Millgrove		65	35
L & E Message		1525	1320
Data Protection		40	40
D & A Boyle		1850	2700
P C Help			50
Farleigh Hospice		75	70
CCL Licence		127	122
Insurance		396	376
The Leprosy Mission		-	160
Website Costs		-	-
Stationery		-	-
Transfer Building Fund		-	-
Sundry Expenses		265	<u>114</u>
			<u>5061</u>
Total Payments		<u>27079</u>	<u>25069</u>

Net (Payments)/Receipts for the Year (604) 192

Cash and Bank balances at 31 March 2021 5078 4886

Cash and Bank balances at 31 March 2022 4474 5078

WITHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2022 Receipts and Payments Account (Building Fund)

Income Receipts	£	£	<u>2021</u>
Donations			
In Memory Of	250		150
Other	-		490
Sundry	-		222
Tax Reclaimed on Covenants and Gift Aid	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
		250	862
Trading Activities			
Buy a Brick		-	-
Knitting		21	-
Sundry Sales		-	-
Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest		<u>914</u>	<u>874</u>
Total Receipts		1185	1736
Other Expenditure			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Payments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Receipts for the Year		<u>1185</u>	<u>1736</u>
Building Fund Balance at 31 March 2021		<u>142879</u>	<u>141143</u>
Building Fund Balance at 31 March 2022		<u>144064</u>	<u>142879</u>

WITHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2022

Monetary Assets	£	2021
Bank and Cash Balances - General Purposes Fund		
Bank Current Account	474	1996
Bank Deposit account	3993	3075
Building Society Account	7	7
Cash Float	-	-
	<u>4474</u>	<u>5078</u>

Bank and Cash Balances - Building Fund	<u>144064</u>	<u>142879</u>
	148538	147957

Current Liability		
PAYE and NI	412	472

Other Assets

For use by the charity and belonging to the General Purposes Fund

- Fireproof document box costing £70
- Two projection screen costing £239
- Laptop and Projector costing £823
- Notice board costing £444
- A Frame display board costing £140
- Christmas banner costing £109
- Roll Up WBC Banner costing £151

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Witham Baptist Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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**B. G. FURNESS
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22 November 2022

WITHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1072623

Accounts

WITHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2021

Receipts and Payments Account (General Purposes Fund)

Income Receipts

	£	£	2020
Donations			<u>17200</u>
Weekly Offerings	15695		17200
L & E Message	1345		1285
Leprosy Mission	160		90
D & A Boyle	2700		2245
Millgrove	-		92
Air Cadets	-		129
Farleigh Hospice	70		101
Harvest	70		-
Other	<u>18</u>		84
		20058	
Trading Activities			
Subscriptions and Tuck Sales		-	-
Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest		<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>
		20058	21243
Income Tax Rebate		<u>5203</u>	<u>5373</u>
Total Receipts		<u>25261</u>	<u>26616</u>

Direct Charitable Expenditure

Hire of Premises	-		1609
Minister's Stipend and NI	17213		17441
Minister's Council Tax	2675		2576
Preacher's Expenses	<u>120</u>		<u>681</u>
		20008	22308

Other Expenditure

Advertising		-	312
Churches Together in Witham		-	80
Baptist Union Subscription		34	51
Donations		40	25
Millgrove		35	162
L & E Message		1320	1285
Data Protection		40	40
D & A Boyle		2700	2245
P C Help		50	36
Farleigh Hospice		70	101
CCL Licence		122	117
Insurance		376	379
The Leprosy Mission		160	90
Website Costs		-	-
Stationery		-	20
Transfer Building Fund		-	2500
Sundry Expenses		114	<u>182</u>
			<u>7625</u>
Total Payments		<u>25069</u>	<u>29933</u>

Net Receipts/(Payments) for the Year

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Other	490		1047
Sundry	222		-
Tax Reclaimed on Covenants and Gift Aid	<u>-</u>		<u>2500</u>
		862	4867
 Trading Activities			
Buy a Brick		-	-
Knitting		-	25
Sundry Sales		-	-
 Investment Income			
Bank and Building Society Interest		<u>874</u>	<u>317</u>
Total Receipts		1736	5209
 Other Expenditure			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Payments		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Net Receipts for the Year		<u>-</u>	<u>5209</u>
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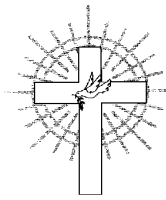
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Trustees Annual Report 2020~2021

Trustees

The Church currently has three Trustees: Rev'd. Michael R Child (Chairman); Mrs Ann M Coleman (Secretary); Philip J West (Treasurer).

The Trustees met once during the year.

Membership

As at end of March we had 5 members. Due to Covid 19 Services for 2020/2021 were held via Zoom.

The Diaconate

The Church is served by a diaconate of two: Ann Coleman and Philip West.

Baptismal Service

There were no Believers' Baptisms during the year.

Giving

Members and Friends are still giving sacrificially and generously to the work of the Church. Although there was a deficit at the end of the Financial Year, the Church had sufficient in its Reserve Account to cover this, plus the rebate received from HM Customs and Revenue for "Gift Aid" donations. The Building Fund is continuing to grow.

The Church supports the ministry of Leslie and Elizabeth Message (Belgium), we were delighted that this year they could join us for Sunday services via Zoom. Also, the Church supports David and Alice Boyle (USA).

During the period April 2020 to March 2021 the Church gave a donation to the Leprosy Mission and the Harvest Thanksgiving monetary offering was divided between the Witham Food Bank and the Mill Grove Centre, South Woodford. The Church also donated shoe boxes on line this year for the Samaritan's Purse "Operational Christmas Child" appeal. The Carols by Candlelight Service offering was given to Farleigh Hospice.

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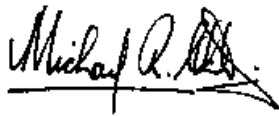
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