

Witham Baptist Church

Serving Christ and Our Community

Trustees Annual Report 2021~2022

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.

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 services via Zoom.

During the period April 2021 to March 2022 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.

Services and Auxiliaries

We held weekly Sunday Services for Worship, Prayer and Preaching and also held mid week prayer meetings on a Wednesday via Zoom.

Our Pastor continues as Honorary Chaplain to the Royal Air Forces Association and Air Training Corps (Royal Air Force Air Cadets)

Church Premises

The Trustees are still actively seeking a suitable site or premises for Sunday Services and to develop the Church's ministry.

Baptist Union of Great Britain

Witham Baptist Church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

Eastern Baptist Association

Witham Baptist Church is also affiliated to the Eastern Baptist Association.

Churches Together in Witham and District

We continue to be part of Churches Together in Witham and District.

Harvest

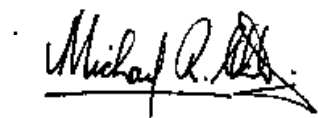
Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Sunday 26th September 2021 the monetary offering was divided between the Witham Food Bank and the Mill Grove Centre, South Woodford a Christian charity working with children and deprived families in Woodford.

Special Services

The Church celebrated its 24th Anniversary service on Sunday 5th December 2020.

The Annual Carols Service this year took place on Sunday 19th December 2020 and the offering sent to the Farleigh Hospice.

We are thankful to God for His loving faithfulness to us throughout a difficult and challenging year and for providing for our needs and we trust Him for all that is to come as we seek further ways of serving our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael R. Child". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Revd Michael R Child
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		
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>		<u>18</u>

22057

Trading Activities

Subscriptions and Tuck Sales

Investment Income

Bank and Building Society Interest

-
22057

-
20058

Income Tax Rebate

4418

5203

Total Receipts

26475

25261

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>

27079

5061

Total Payments

27079

25069

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

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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>

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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>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	4474	5078
 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:

(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 Act; and

. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to
comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

**B. G. FURNESS
ACCOUNTANT**

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22 November 2022

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