

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

**SOUTH WALES BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION (BUGB)**

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

COMPANY REGISTRATION No: 04336086

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1102735

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER 1102735

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 04336086

DATE OF INCORPORATION 7th December 2001

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1st January 2023

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 31st December 2023

DIRECTORS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Revd Mark Fairweather-Tall
Revd Jonathan Davis
Revd Dr Graham Watts
Revd Carol Anne Sobel
Revd Matthew Carter
Mr David Powell
Mr Scott Ringrose
Mrs Tristan Vaughan
Mrs Jennifer Weaver
Mrs Alice Place (Resigned 6th June 2023)

COMPANY SECRETARY Mrs Karen Kaneen

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

Memorandum and Articles of Association Incorporated 7th December 2021 and As Amended 25th May 2005, As Amended on 15th October 2023.

OBJECTS

The advancement of the Christian Religion especially by the means of and in accordance with the principles of the Baptist Denomination as set out for the time being in the declaration of the principles of The Baptist Union of Great Britain.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS' FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The charity's objectives are the advancement of the Christian religion especially by means of and in accordance with the principles of the Baptist denomination as set out for the time being in the Declaration of Principle of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

South Wales Baptist Association is one of thirteen associations of Baptists Together (Baptist Union of Great Britain). SWBA is made up of over 125 churches who are seeking to share the good news of Jesus with their local community. SWBA operates as a charity under number 1102735.

Public Benefit

In the course of their management of the Association, the trustees have regard for the public benefit provided by the Association's activities, and this is a feature both of the Association's work in support of its member churches (independent charities), and of its own direct activities, as follows:

The Association operates by providing support to member churches as they seek to work in their own communities. This support includes advice and guidance to ministers and leaders; mission consultations, assistance, advice and training in safeguarding children and adults as well as practical and financial assistance through loans and grants as appropriate. It is the intention of the Association to help enable churches to respond to their calling and fulfil their public benefit through their normal church activities and the provision of facilities to be used by the wider community as well as the advancement of the Christian faith. The association acts directly in a number of areas including the selection of individuals to train for ministry, the oversight of newly accredited ministers, arranging training and conferences for ministers and church leaders, involvement in the support of chaplaincy services at the University of South Wales and engaging at a number of levels with the wider community on behalf of Baptists.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable Activities

There was one staff change during the year.

Revd Rob May started work with the association in February 2023.

The Association continued to work throughout the year with the West and South Partnership, made up of South Wales, South West, and Southern Counties Baptist Associations and the West of England Baptist Network. Two Partnership Ministerial Recognition Committee meetings were held for candidates for ministry to explore their calling. The Partnership grants committee met to allocate Home Mission grants.

The Association continued to work with the Baptist Union of Wales (BUW). The two key events are the annual meetings known as Momentum and the Ministers' Conference. The Ministers' Conference took place at the Waterfront Church in Swansea, and Momentum at Trinity St David's College in Carmarthen entitled "The Power of Story".

The Association held a celebration which included the AGM of the Association at Ararat Baptist Church in Whitchurch. Feedback from the meeting was positive, and the videos showing association life were appreciated.

A Newly Accredited Ministers programme was provided.

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Supporting Churches

Regular 'Updates', 'E-news', Facebook and YouTube posts were the primary sources of information from the Association office to churches, Cardiff Baptist College, our Ministers and other interested parties. These provided information about local and national events, and enabled churches to share information about their local events with others across the Association.

Safeguarding training covering the Baptist Union of Great Britain's 'Excellence in Safeguarding' Levels 2 and 3 took place. Eighteen in-person training session took place across the year and 404 people were trained.

There were no serious safeguarding incidents to be reported in 2023.

Home Mission

Churches contributed £139,043.84 which was below our target of £150,000.

Home Mission Grants

The Association awarded a number of Home mission grants during 2023 amounting to £58,000.00 These included a Mission through Ministry grant to York Place BC; Special Ministry grants to Llanfair Uniting Church, Penrhys and Stanwell Road BC; A Home Mission grant also benefitted the University of South Wales Chaplaincy.

Supporting Ministers and Church Leaders

The Association provided a variety of means whereby Ministers and Church Leaders were supported and encouraged in their roles:

- Ministers' Fellowship groups continued to meet.
- The ministers' conference was held at the Waterfront Church in Swansea and the speakers were Kang-San Tan and Loun Ling Lee.
- The Newly Accredited Ministers' (NAMs) programme brought together ministers from both SWBA and the BUW for theological reflection.
- The Partnership MRC commended Cory Price as a Newly Accredited minister after his completion of the open option course at Cardiff Baptist College. Lynnette Thorne was commended to begin training for accreditation.

Pastoral support was offered in many situations.

Advice and support were given to several churches facing financial difficulties, conflicts or safeguarding issues.

Settlements

The following settlements took place:

Joshua Parmar to Woodville BC, Cardiff
Jon Dickerson to Richmond Road BC, Pontnewydd
Liz Squires to Rumney BC
John Evans to Mumbles BC
Emma Franks to Kensington BC, Brecon
Mark Thomas to Magor BC
Lee Presley to St Julians' BC

BMS Council

The SWBA was represented on the BMS Council by Gareth Wilde.

Property

The manses in Ely and in Aberdare were managed by My Lettings Limited and were occupied by tenants. The Newport Manse was also managed by My Lettings Limited and occupied by a regional minister.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position

The Charity showed a deficit of £18,489 for the year ended 31 December 2023. There was a deficit on unrestricted reserves of £485 and a deficit on restricted reserves of £18,024 as at 31st December 2023.

Principle Funding Sources

The principle funding source of the charity was by a grant from the Baptist Union of Great Britain Home Mission fund, based on a number of factors including the number of churches, the relative economic prosperity of the region and the Association's giving to Home Mission.

Investment Policy and Objectives

Aside from the restricted funds and retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short to medium term and there are some funds for long term investment. The Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit, monies not immediately required for the furtherance of the association's objectives.

Reserves Policy

This Policy relates to South Wales Baptist Association and relates to the restricted and general funds held with the Monmouthshire Building Society, Baptist Union Corporation and Lloyds Bank.

The reserves of the Association at the end of December 2023 were £1,018,942. Of the reserves, £530,318 were restricted and £488,624 were unrestricted. Included in the restricted funds were £370,000 invested in investment properties and £63,429 in fixed assets investments. Cash at bank on 31st December 2023 was £181,260. The Charity's net current assets were £180,120 and the fixed asset investments held by the Charity stood at £838,822, presenting a closing financial position of £1,018,942 as at 31st December 2023.

Why are Reserves Needed?

We aim ideally to hold in reserve sufficient money in our funds identified above to cover expenditure should there be a sudden drop in income, primarily from the Home Mission grant we receive.

Expenditure includes salary payments, running costs and grants given to Baptist projects and churches.

What Level of Reserves are Needed.

We aim ideally to hold in reserve sufficient money in our funds identified above to cover 6 months expenditure (as recommended by the Charity Commission).

Based on an expenditure figure of £267,306, this gives a reserves figure of £133,653.

Should the association accounts identified above dip below the agreed reserve figure for a period beyond 6 months the Trustees should identify a financial plan.

This reserves policy shows good planning of resources and consideration of unforeseen occurrences on the financial income of the Association.

***Not including Home Mission Grants*

FUTURE PLANS

The association plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements and the drawdown of free reserves held by the Association. Expenditure will continue from the restricted funds in accordance with the terms associated with the restriction.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The association is a charitable company limited by guarantee that was incorporated on 7 December 2001. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association that established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards any shortfall.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles. In accordance with the Articles of Association all trustees will serve for a period of three years. Any person so appointed shall be eligible for re-appointment unless that person has immediately already served two consecutive three-year periods.

Organisational Structure

The Association is governed by the Board of Trustees (Directors) and 10 people served as trustees during 2023. Trustees meet every two months with the Regional Ministers and Association Administrator. They are responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and the reporting to the Council of Churches/Members Meetings.

Induction and Training of New Trustees

New Trustees are provided with essential information. Further training will be offered in future as the membership of the board changes. Various Charity Commission publications are made available, together with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Bye Laws and the latest financial statements.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number

04336086 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number

1102735

Registered Office

54 Richmond Road
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Trustees

Rev'd Mark Fairweather-Tall
Rev'd Matt Carter
David Powell
Rev'd Dr Graham Watts
Rev'd Jon Davis
Scott Ringrose
Rev'd Carol Soble
Tristan Vaughan
Jennie Weaver
Alice Place (Resigned June 2023)

Comment

Cardiff Baptist College is a member of the South Wales Baptist Association, which rents office space in the college building.

Independent Examiners

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities:

The Charities Act and the Companies Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Directors are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. 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.

The Directors are also responsible for the contents of the Directors' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the Directors' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

I approve the attached statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the year ended 31st December 2023 and confirm that I have made available all information necessary for its preparation.

Approved by the Directors on the 12/06/2024

Signed on their behalf by Director 

Printed Name: SCOTT RINGROSE

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	167,614	-	167,614	236,706
Investment Income	3b	3,459	-	3,459	3,150
Charitable Activities	3c	29,140	-	29,140	16,623
Activities for Generating Funds	3d	46,064	-	46,064	12,763
Other Incoming Resources	3e	2,539	-	2,539	1,250
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		248,817	-	248,817	270,492
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Charitable Activities	4a	236,467	16,962	253,429	214,400
Cost of Generating Funds	4b	10,701	260	10,961	9,797
Governance Costs	4c	2,113	802	2,915	3,308
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		249,282	18,024	267,306	227,505
NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(465)	(18,024)	(18,489)	42,987
Balance Brought Forward		460,932	549,817	1,010,749	763,500
Pension Scheme Movements	20	22,500	-	22,500	39,685
Revaluation of Investment Properties	8	40,000	-	40,000	164,577
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	7	4,182	-	4,182	-
Transfer Between Funds	5	1,475	(1,475)	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		528,624	530,318	1,058,942	1,010,749

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 31-Dec-23 £	TOTAL 31-Dec-22 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	290,000	-	290,000	143
Fixed Asset Investment	7	25,393	63,429	88,822	235,040
Investment Properties	8	130,000	370,000	500,000	460,000
Total Fixed Assets		445,393	433,429	878,822	695,183
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	10	-	-	-	2,219
Cash at Bank and in Hand	9	84,371	96,889	181,260	340,800
Total Current Assets		84,371	96,889	181,260	343,019
Creditors: Amounts Due within One Year	11	1,140	-	1,140	4,953
NET CURRENT ASSETS		83,231	96,889	180,120	338,066
Creditors: Long Term Liabilities	12	-	-	-	22,500
TOTAL ASSETS less Current Liabilities		528,624	530,318	1,058,942	1,010,749
NET ASSETS		528,624	530,318	1,058,942	1,010,749
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		528,624	-	528,624	460,932
Restricted Funds	6	-	530,318	530,318	549,817
Total Funds		528,624	530,318	1,058,942	1,010,749

Directors' Responsibilities:

The Directors are satisfied that for the year ended on 31st December 2023 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 23.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Directors on the 12/06/2024

Signed on their behalf by Director 

Printed Name: SCOTT RINGROSE

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1st January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the Directors are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA in the same financial period as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services has been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Directors' annual report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the Directors' meetings and cost of any legal advice to Directors on governance or constitutional matters.

Changes in Accounting Policies and Previous Accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (variation rules and methods of accounting) since last year, and no changes to the previous accounts.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Unrestricted Funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted Funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated Funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific purposes or projects.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Pension Costs and Other Post-Retirement Benefits

The charity participated in a Defined Benefit Pension Scheme until 31 December 2011 the payments of which are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities. Deficiency payments are also charged to the Statement of Financial Activities. From 1 January 2012 the scheme was replaced by a Defined Contribution Pension Scheme the payments of which are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when incurred.

Legal Status of the Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at Directors' best estimate of market value.

Fixed Asset Investments

Fixed asset investments are held to generate income and a return on investment. The investments are held to generate income and for their future investment potential and capital appreciation. Fixed asset investments are investments that are held specifically to generate income to further the Charity's objects and due to capital appreciation the Charity expects to generate a profit on disposal to further the Charity's objects.

Current Asset Investments

Current asset investments are held to generate income and/or for their investment potential. Current asset investments are investments that are held specifically for sale or are investments that the Charity expects to sell by the next balance sheet date.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment Property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Tangible Fixed Assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £5,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Equipment Cost	50% - Straight Line Basis
Fixtures and Fittings	33% - Straight Line Basis

Amortisation

No amortisation is charged to freehold Land and Buildings as the Land and Buildings are maintained to such a standard that the estimated residual value is not less than cost.

Land & Buildings

Land and Buildings have been valued and included within the accounts at cost value as at the 10th January 2023 in accordance with FRS 102 - Previous revaluation as deemed cost.

Valuation of Land and Building

During the financial year ended 31st December 2023 the Directors of South Wales Baptist Association sought guidance and advice regarding the current market value of the Land and Building held by the Charity at 9 Glan Yr Afron Aberdare, Rhondda, Cynon Taff, CF44 0DD and 54 Vachell Road, Ely, Cardiff, CF5 4HH. The Land and Buildings have been included in the accounts at market value as at the 10th January 2023 and are included in the accounts in accordance with FRS102 Previous Valuation Deemed Cost.

During the financial year ended 31st December 2023 the Directors of South Wales Baptist Association sought guidance and advice and agreed to acquire Land and Buildings at 428 Caerleon Road, Newport, NP19 7LT. The Land and Buildings have been included in the accounts at market value as at the 15th March 2023.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Land & Buildings £	Equipment Cost £	Fixture & Fitting £	Total 2023 £
Cost	01-Jan-22	-	50,618	-	50,618
Additions	15-Mar-23	290,000	-	-	290,000
Cost at	31-Dec-23	290,000	50,618	-	340,618
Depreciation	01-Jan-22	-	50,475	-	50,475
Charge		-	143	-	143
Depreciation at	31-Dec-23	-	50,618	-	50,618
Net Book Value	31-Dec-23	290,000	-	-	290,000
Net Book Value	31-Dec-22	-	143	-	143

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st December 2023 : None
31st December 2022 : None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	855	-	855	3,809
Grants	166,759	-	166,759	232,897
	167,614	-	167,614	236,706
b) Investment Income				
Dividends	603	-	603	-
Interest	2,856	-	2,856	3,150
	3,459	-	3,459	3,150
c) Charitable Activities				
Conference Income	3,398	-	3,398	-
Home Mission	790	-	790	-
Preaching Income	857	-	857	-
Safeguarding Income	5,915	-	5,915	-
Subscriptions	18,180	-	18,180	16,623
	29,140	-	29,140	16,623
d) Activities for Generating Funds				
Church Sale	29,630	-	29,630	-
Rental Income	16,434	-	16,434	12,763
	46,064	-	46,064	12,763
e) Other Incoming Resources				
Refunds	1,136	-	1,136	-
Sundry Income	1,403	-	1,403	1,250
	2,539	-	2,539	1,250

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
a) Charitable Activities					
Bank Charges		153	-	153	140
Benevolent Fund	6	-	578	578	951
Chaplaincy Costs		3,000	-	3,000	-
Conference Costs	6	5,582	1,324	6,906	3,394
Depreciation Expense	2	143	-	143	1,372
Equipment Costs		588	-	588	1,257
Home Mission		217	-	217	-
Housing Allowance		10,800	-	10,800	10,696
Insurance Costs		3,140	-	3,140	188
Internship Expenses		2,100	-	2,100	900
License & Subscriptions		1,256	-	1,256	4,104
Ministerial Recognition		1,249	-	1,249	-
Ministerial Support Costs		7,228	-	7,228	2,009
Mission Grants	6	44,939	10,855	55,794	72,917
Office Costs		4,315	-	4,315	3,032
Pension Costs	15	19,852	-	19,852	11,962
Premises Costs		13,062	-	13,062	-
Removal Costs	6	4,350	500	4,850	-
Rent & Rates	6	-	3,000	3,000	-
Repairs & Maintenance		280	-	280	-
Safeguarding Costs		16,097	-	16,097	10,310
Staff Costs	15	91,180	-	91,180	84,354
Sundry Expenses	6	323	250	573	1,667
Telephone Costs		1,104	-	1,104	1,019
Training Costs	6	355	455	810	650
Travel & Subsistence		5,153	-	5,153	3,478
		236,467	16,962	253,429	214,400

b) Cost of Generating Funds

Property Costs	6	10,701	260	10,961	9,797
		10,701	260	10,961	9,797

c) Governance Costs

Independent Examiners Fee	11	1,140	-	1,140	1,800
Legal & Professional Fees	6	300	802	1,102	144
Meeting Costs		673	-	673	1,364
		2,113	802	2,915	3,308

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5. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Charity held no designated funds during this or the previous financial year.

6. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-23 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & (Losses) £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Dec-23 £
Ministers Benevolent Fund	61,530	-	578	-	-	60,952
Ministers Benevolent Fund	2,308	-	-	-	-	2,308
Pomeroy Street Funds	8,033	-	3,000	-	(1,475)	3,558
Gorseinon Funds	4,689	-	4,010	-	-	679
Aberbargoed Funds	25,477	-	6,155	-	-	19,322
Capel Gwilym Funds	690	-	690	-	-	-
Manse Funds	151,731	-	1,562	-	-	150,169
Llandogo Monmouth Funds	6,148	-	-	-	-	6,148
Alexandra Rd Newport Funds	49,443	-	2,029	-	-	47,414
Pontyclun/Ely Funds	1,069	-	-	-	-	1,069
Nash Newport Funds	18,699	-	-	-	-	18,699
Ely Manse	220,000	-	-	-	-	220,000
	549,817	-	18,024	-	(1,475)	530,318

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Jan-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & (Losses) £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Dec-22 £
Ministers Benevolent Funds	60,997	533	-	-	-	61,530
Ministers Benevolent Funds	2,273	35	-	-	-	2,308
Pomeroy Street Funds	7,997	36	-	-	-	8,033
Gorseinon Funds	4,668	21	-	-	-	4,689
Aberbargoed Funds	25,363	114	-	-	-	25,477
Capel Gwilym Funds	687	3	-	-	-	690
Manse Funds	150,408	1,323	-	-	-	151,731
Llandogo Monmouth Funds	11,098	50	-	-	(5,000)	6,148
Alexandra Rd Newport Funds	49,221	222	-	-	-	49,443
Pontyclun/Ely Funds	1,064	5	-	-	-	1,069
Nash Newport Funds	18,615	84	-	-	-	18,699
Ely Manse	114,577	-	-	105,423	-	220,000
	446,968	2,426	-	105,423	(5,000)	549,817

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6. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

The Ministers Benevolent Fund is used to assist Ministers and retired Ministers on the accredited list.

The Ministers Benevolent Fund, interest on the capital sum provided by the James Pantyfedwen Foundation, is used to assist Ministers and retired Ministers on the accredited list.

The Pomeroy Street Fund is used to assist the Association within the Cardiff post code area.

The Gorseinon Fund is used for the purpose of items of capital expenditure.

The Moriah Baptist Church Aberbargoed Fund and the Capel Gwilym Church Cardiff Fund are used for capital purposes.

The Manse Fund is used for the purpose of items of capital expenditure.

The Llandogo Monmouth Fund is used for Strategic Mission Initiatives within the Association including small Churches initiatives.

The Alexandra Road Newport fund is used to provide support and ongoing equipping and training of Ministers and Church leaders in the Association including the appointment of personnel.

The Pontyclun/ Ely fund is to be made available for the appointment of a full-time accredited minister at Ely Baptist Church, Cardiff.

The Nash Newport fund is to be used for Mission Initiatives within the Association including the appointment of personnel.

The Ely Manse relates to the purchase of a manse to enable mission to take place in the Ely area of Cardiff.

The Student Fund assists students for ministry from churches within the Association.

The Commercial Road Llanhilleth Fund is to be made available to Brynithel Community Church when in a position to proceed with a Church building.

The Restricted Funds held are represented by the Charity's Cash Reserves and Fixed Asset Investments and the Restricted Funds are to be expended as specified above.

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7. FIXED ASSEST INVESTMENT

	Listed Investments	Unlisted Invested	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
Market Value as at 1st January 2023	6,153	228,887	235,040	233,069
Additions	-	-	-	1,971
Disposals	-	150,400	150,400	-
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	887	3,295	4,182	-
Market Value as at 31st December 2023	7,040	81,782	88,822	235,040

	The Baptist Insurance Company Plc £	Baptist Union Corporation £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-23 £	Total 31-Dec-22 £
Market Value as at 1st January 2023	6,153	228,887	19,471	215,569	235,040	233,069
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	1,971
Disposals	-	150,400	(1,740)	152,140	150,400	-
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	887	3,295	4,182		4,182	-
Market Value 31st December 2023	7,040	81,782	25,393	63,429	88,822	235,040

The Baptist Insurance Company Plc

The Charity holds listed investments with The Baptist Insurance Company Plc and the original indexed book investment as at the 1st January 2023 was £6,153. The Charity holds 2403 Ordinary Shares at a market value of £2.92 per share and 10 Preference Shares at a market value of £2.34 per share as at 31st December 2023. The closing position of the investments held stood at £7,040.16 as at 31st December 2023.

Baptist Union Corporation Limited

The Charity holds unlisted investments with the Baptist Union Corporation Limited and the market value of the investments held stood £235,040 as at the 1st January 2023. The closing position of the investments held stood at £81,781.53 as at 31st December 2023.

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8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Investments properties are held to generate income and a return on investment. The investments are held to generate income and for their future investment potential and capital appreciation. Fixed asset investments are investments that are held specifically to generate income to further the Charity's objects.

	Land & Buildings		Total	Total
	Vachell Road £	Glan Yr Afron £	31-Dec-23 £	31-Dec-22 £
Cost Value at 1st January 2022	220,000	240,000	460,000	114,577
Additions	-	-	-	-
Revaluation of Investment Properties	(20,000)	60,000	40,000	164,577
Reclassification	-	-	-	180,846
Fair Value at 31st December 2023	200,000	300,000	500,000	460,000

During the financial year ended 31st December 2023 the Directors of South Wales Baptist Association sought guidance and advice regarding the current market value of the Land and Building held by the Charity at 9 Glan Yr Afron Aberdare, Rhondda, Cynon Taff, CF44 0DD and 54 Vachell Road, Ely, Cardiff, CF5 4HH. The Land and Buildings have been included in the accounts at market value as at the 10th January 2023 and are included in the accounts in accordance with FRS102 Previous Valuation Deemed Cost.

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9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-23 £	Total 31-Dec-22 £
Cash at Bank and in Hand	84,371	96,889	181,260	340,800
	84,371	96,889	181,260	340,800

10. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-23 £	Total 31-Dec-22 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	2,219
	-	-	-	2,219

11. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-23 £	Total 31-Dec-22 £
Independent Examiners Fees	1,140	-	1,140	1,800
Sundry Creditors	-	-	-	3,153
	1,140	-	1,140	4,953

12. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Dec-23 £	Total 31-Dec-22 £
Pension Fund Liability	-	-	-	22,500
	-	-	-	22,500

13. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Dec-23 £	Total 31-Dec-22 £
Fixed Asset Investments	445,393	433,429	878,822	695,183
Net Current Assets	83,231	96,889	180,120	338,066
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	22,500
	528,624	530,318	1,058,942	1,010,749

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14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT ON CAPITAL AND RESERVES

The Company is Limited by Guarantee (04336086) and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission (1102735) and does not have a Share capital and has no income subject to Corporation Tax.

		TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Profit / Deficit for the financial year		(18,489)	42,987
Other Recognised Gains		-	-
		(18,489)	42,987
Balance Brought Forward		1,010,749	763,500
Pension Scheme Movements	12 & 20	22,500	39,685
Revaluation of Investment Properties	8	40,000	164,577
Net Gains/(Losses) on Investments	7	4,182	-
Closing Funds at 31st December 2023		1,058,942	1,010,749

15. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	95,950	84,354
Employer's National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	15,082	11,962
	111,032	96,316

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
Regional Ministers	2	2
Administrative Activities	1	1

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all employed members of staff and no members of staff received emoluments of over £60,000 (2022:None).

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16. DIRECTORS AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Director Revd Mark Fairweather-Tall received £26,210 in staff costs, £8,217 in Pension Contributions, £10,800 in Housing Allowance, £1,904 in Council Tax Payments, £904 in Utility Costs, £600 in Telephone Costs, £260 in Conference Expenses and £2,082 in General Expenses in his capacity as Reverend of the South Wales Baptist Association in furtherance of the Charity's objects. All conflicts of interest have been identified, documented and managed in accordance with the Charity's Governing Document.

No other payments were made to Directors or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a Director or any person connected with them.

17. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out will on an annual basis provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

18. RESERVES POLICY

The Directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Directors aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The directors will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

19. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

20. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The Association is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"), which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The Scheme is a separate legal entity and the assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and the other participating employers.

For any month, each participating employer in the Scheme pays contributions as set out in the Schedule of Contributions in force at that time.

The Scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. This is because it is not possible to attribute the Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers and means that contributions are accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme. The pensions costs charged to the SoFA in the year are contributions payable towards benefits and expenses accrued in that year, plus any impact of deficiency contributions (see below).

All Association Staff are eligible to join the Scheme.

Movement in Balance Sheet Liability

Section 28.11A of FRS 102 requires agreed deficit recovery payments to be recognised as a liability.

The current deficiency as notified by the actuaries is Nil as at 31st December 2023 (2022:£22,500).

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of South Wales Baptist Association (BUGB) on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023 set out on pages 9 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees are satisfied that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and;
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

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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Date: 17th June 2024