

BRISTOL BAPTIST FUND AND ELIZABETH AGITT CHARITY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2024

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:	1125753
CHARITY SCHEME NUMBER:	C107,707 Sealed 8th July 1927
DEED OF TRUST:	1717
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:	7 Metford Road Redland Bristol BS6 7LA
PRINCIPAL BANKERS:	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	N.M. Rogers FCA

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Status

The Bristol Baptist Fund was previously constituted on 8th July 1927, and the Elizabeth Agitt Charity on 20th November 1986, under schemes prepared by the Charity Commission.

Both were registered as a combined charity with the Charity Commission with effect from 8 September 2008, under registration number 1125753.

Governance and Management

The Trustees of both the Bristol Baptist Fund and the Elizabeth Agitt Charity during the year to 31 August 2024 were:

Revd M Smith	Chairman
Ms S Atkinson	Secretary (resigned 31 December 2023)
Mr H Wilson	Secretary (appointed 01 January 2024)
Mr C Bews	Treasurer
Revd N R Coles	
Revd Dr P Morden (appointed 01 September 2023)	
Mr M A Broad MBE (resigned 31 December 2023)	
Revd Carl Smethurst	

Bristol Baptist Fund - Objectives and Activities

The object of the Fund is to make grants in aid of the stipends of Pastors, clerical or lay, of Baptist chapels within the Counties of Gloucester, Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and Wiltshire, and also to support financially needy students of the Bristol Baptist College as well as the College itself and its library.

The Fund receives no grants from outside bodies, although donations are accepted. The primary source of income is from the investment portfolio held and administered by the West of England Baptist Trust Company (West) Ltd as Custodian Trustee, and interest on Building Society and savings accounts. Income is distributed in furtherance of the Trust objectives.

Financial Review

In the year to 31 August 2024 the Fund received income of £63,025 from its investment portfolio. The investment portfolio showed an unrealised gain of 5.0% in the year in line with most investments. In addition the Fund received £93,465 from the proceeds of sale of

two closed Baptist Churches. The Trustees agreed that this would enable the grants payable to be increased this year to £160,000 in total. This would give a total of £80,000 for Bristol Baptist College and its students, and a further £40,000 each to both the West of England Baptist Association (Webnet) and the South West Baptist Association for mission based placements.

Statement of Policy on Reserves

The Fund's principal assets comprise the investment portfolio and cash at bank. The combination of income produced and capital growth from the portfolio are considered to be sufficient to enable the Charity's activities to continue for the foreseeable future.

Statement of Investment Policy

The Fund follows an ethical investment policy in accordance with the principles of the Baptist Denomination. The BBF Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the ethical investment policy is adhered to by the appointed Investment Managers at all times.

This Ethical Investment Policy has been agreed by the BBF Trustees. In doing so, it has been recognised that following an ethical investment policy could lead to higher investment management costs and increased volatility of returns, compared to those for a non-ethical approach.

Elizabeth Agitt Charity

This fund made its final distribution in 2021.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 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.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the report as set out above.


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Revd Dr Peter Morden
Trustee

4 June 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
BRISTOL BAPTIST FUND AND ELIZABETH AGITT CHARITY**

I report on the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

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 Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 statement below.

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.



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N M Rogers FCA
7 June 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	BBF General Fund	Elizabeth Agitt Charity	2024 Total	2023 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES				
<i>Investment Income</i>				
- Investment Portfolio	63,025	-	63,025	61,571
- Deposit Interest	47	-	47	10
<i>Other Income</i>				
Proceeds from the sale of Churches	93,465	-	93,465	-
Total Incoming Resources	156,537	0	156,537	61,581
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Grants - Bristol Baptist Fund (Note 4)	160,000	-	160,000	100,000
Bank Charges	60	-	60	20
Grants - Elizabeth Agitt	-	-	-	-
Administration	133	-	133	41
	160,193	-	160,193	100,061
Net Incoming (Outgoing) resources for the year	(3,656)	-	(3,656)	(38,479)
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-
Unrealised gain/(loss)on Investments (3)	57,718	-	57,718	(34,281)
Net movement in Funds	54,062	-	54,062	(72,760)
Total Funds Brought Forward	1,130,856	142	1,130,997	1,203,757
Total Funds Carried Forward	1,184,918	142	1,185,059	1,130,997

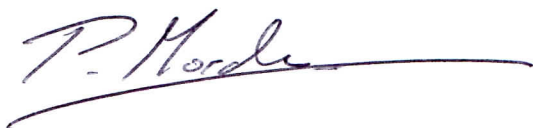
The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	NOTES	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets		-	-
Investments	3	<u>1,214,013</u>	<u>1,171,755</u>
		<u>1,214,013</u>	<u>1,171,755</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	125,637	41,687
Cash at Bank	7	<u>5,409</u>	<u>17,554</u>
		131,046	59,242
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(160,000)	(100,000)
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	11	<u>(28,954)</u>	<u>(40,758)</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	-	-
Net Assets		1,185,059	1,130,997
FUNDS			
Unrestricted - BBF	10	1,184,918	1,130,856
Restricted - Elizabeth Agitt	9	142	142
		1,185,059	1,130,997

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 4 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by :



Revd Dr P Morden
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, The Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, published 2014, applicable to charities adopting Financial Reporting Standard FRS102.

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

There was no remuneration paid to the Trustees during the year.

3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

The charity receives income from the portfolio held in a Custodian Trust by the West of England Baptist Trust Co (West) Ltd

The market value as at 31 August 2024 was as follows:

	Brewin Dolphin Portfolio
Equities and other Investments	1,214,013
Cash Deposits	-
	<u>1,214,013</u>
Market value at 1 September 2023	1,171,755
Dividend Income reinvested	20,540
Withdrawals from investments	(36,000)
Gain on revaluation	57,718
Market value at 31 August 2024	<u>1,214,013</u>

4. GRANTMAKING

	2024	2023
Grants made to Bristol Baptist College and its students	80,000	50,000
Grants made to Baptist Associations	80,000	50,000
Grants made to widows from the Elizabeth Agitt Fund	-	-
	160,000	100,000

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

5. EMPLOYEES

The charity had no employees during the period.

6. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
Income due from Investment Portfolio	32,172	41,687
Proceeds from the sale of churches	93,465	0
	125,637	41,687

7. CASH AT BANK

	2024	2023
Bristol Baptist Fund	5,267	17,413
Elizabeth Agitt Charity	142	142
	5,409	17,554

8. CREDITORS - amounts due within one year

	2024	2023
Grants due to Bristol Baptist College and its students	80,000	50,000
Grants due to Baptist Associations	80,000	50,000
	160,000	100,000

CREDITORS - amounts due after more than one year

Deferred Income	-	-
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9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 01.09.23	Resources Incoming	Outgoing	Balance 31.08.24
Elizabeth Agitt Charity	142	-	-	142

The Elizabeth Agitt Charity was established in 1776 for the sole purpose of the payment of grants to certain Baptist Ministers' widows.

10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2024	2023
Bristol Baptist Fund - General	1,184,918	1,130,856
	1,184,918	1,130,856

11. ANALYSIS OF NET CURRENT ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)
Restricted - Elizabeth Agitt Charity	142	-	142
Unrestricted - Bristol Baptist Fund	130,904	(160,000)	(29,096)
	131,046	(160,000)	(28,954)