

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1126891

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 December 2023
for
WALTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

WALTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees 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: Statement 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 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1126891

Principal address

Walton Baptist Church
Winchester Road
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Trustees

Joan Fairhurst	Resigned 31 January 2023
Yvonne Anderson	
Andrew Hodge	
Robert Hart	
Phil Wigley	

Independent examiner

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Treasurer

Phil Wigley FCCA

Holding Trustees

The London Baptist Property Board, 235 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8EP act as Holding Trustees of the fixed assets of Walton Baptist Church.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Aims and Objectives

The principal purpose of Walton Baptist Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in and around Walton on Thames according to the Beliefs of the Church as laid down in our Constitution. The Church is a member of both the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the London Baptist Association. In addition, the Church has a history of sending members to the Christian mission field both within the UK and abroad.

Achievements and Performance

During the year the Charity was able to use its resources to contribute to a variety of causes and give grants to several missions. We were also able to put significant resources into ministry work while taking care of the maintenance and expenses required to keep the Church running.

Plans for the Future

The Charity plans to continue to carry out its objectives and activities under the current board of Trustees.

Membership

Membership of Walton Baptist Church during the period of this report:

1 January 2023	-	54
31 December 2023	-	50

Walton Baptist Church does not restrict its activities only to members, but welcomes all believers and non-believers to its activities as part of its role within the community.

Baptism

During the period of this report, no people passed through the waters of baptism.

Activities

In addition to Sunday Services there are many other activities held throughout the week, such as weekly prayer meetings, home group meetings held in peoples' homes, a weekly lunch for the elderly, keep-fit classes, Israeli dancing and ladies activities.

We also host local community groups and activities during the week, including a sing and sign children's group, Pilates classes and a children's dance school.

We are active members of the Walton Churches Working Together initiative, along with other churches in the town.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Structure, Governance & Management

- The Charity is controlled by the Trustees
- The Trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves. Any possible risks have been considered and taken into account in future budgets.
- All Trustees are appointed when necessary and are given sufficient training on appointment.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare in respect of each financial year of the Charity a statement of accounts complying with such requirements as to its form and content as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which comply with reasonable accuracy at any time with the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Public Benefit

The Trustees believe that the Charity clearly meets the public benefit requirements of charity law. This is demonstrated by the activities reported upon in this document in furtherance of the Charity's objectives, which provide the opportunity for social interaction, pastoral and practical support and engagement with the local community.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the objectives and activities in forward planning for our organisation, and it is the judgement of the Trustees that the above objectives fully meet the public benefit test.

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Finance

Walton Baptist Church is entirely self-financing. We believe in tithing and offerings to be part of our worship and distribute 10 per cent of our income to other charities and worthy causes both within the UK and abroad as described in the accompanying Statement of Financial Activities.

The results for the year are as set out in the annexed Statement of Financial Activities.

General Reserves Policy

The General Reserve is to enable the church to continue to operate even when unexpected changes occur in its income or expenditure. In keeping with Charity Commission and Baptist Union guidance, the Church aims to maintain a General Reserve of 25% of its budgeted annual income, or 6 months budgeted staff and housing costs, whichever is the greater. This may be increased to take account of potential risks relating to income security.

It is important that the General Reserve is maintained at the appropriate level at the beginning of each financial year. Therefore, if it falls below the agreed level, urgent steps should be taken to rectify this. The General Reserve should be the first of any transfers to reserves that take place at the end of the year.

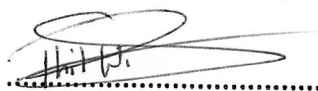
2023 Reserves Statement

In line with the General Reserves Policy the following are the calculations for the General Reserve as at the End of Year 2023

Budgeted Income for 2024	£99,600	x 25% =	£24,900
Standard month staff & housing costs	£0	x 6 =	£0

The Church does not currently have any staff or housing costs, however the Trustees understand that a significant proportion of the church's income comes from people over 70. They have therefore decided to maintain the general reserve at 50% over a quarter of the budgeted income to take account of this, giving a General Reserve for 2024 of £37,350.

ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGING TRUSTEES:



Phil Wigley
Trustee

Date: 11-10-2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of WALTON BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Walton Baptist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Date: 15 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies		61,206	-	61,206	69,786
Tax refunds		7,255	-	7,255	9,078
Rent receivable		29,264	-	29,264	18,206
Interest received		6,692	-	6,692	1,610
Grants received	9	-	-	-	13,750
TOTAL	2	104,417	-	104,417	112,430
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Ministry		1,608	-	1,608	44,920
Administration	3	66,041	-	66,041	51,310
Tithe payments	13	10,820	-	10,820	7,101
Outreach		2,080	-	2,080	3,336
Designated gifts	13	-	-	-	750
TOTAL		80,549	-	80,549	107,417
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		23,868	-	23,868	5,013
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		-	-	-	-
		23,868	-	23,868	5,013
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	8	-	-	-	20,790
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		23,868	-	23,868	25,803
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		1,046,862	-	1,046,862	1,021,059
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,070,730	-	1,070,730	1,046,862

The notes form part of these financial statements

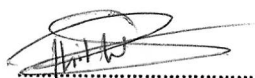
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 31.12.23 £	Total Funds 31.12.22 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	816,835	-	816,835	825,920
		816,835	-	816,835	825,920
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	10,093	-	10,093	6,958
Cash at bank and in hand		262,635	-	262,635	218,842
		272,728	-	272,728	225,800
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	7	18,833	-	18,833	4,858
		18,833	-	18,833	4,858
NET CURRENT ASSETS		253,895	-	253,895	220,942
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,070,730	-	1,070,730	1,046,862
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	8	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		1,070,730	-	1,070,730	1,046,862
FUNDS					
Central funds	9	1,060,151	-	1,060,151	1,036,013
Designated funds	9	10,579	-	10,579	10,849
		1,070,730	-	1,070,730	1,046,862

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on 11-10-2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Phil Wigley
Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparing the Financial Statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement 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 2015), Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible Fixed Assets

The Church buildings are capitalised at cost and are not depreciated, as it is considered that the useful economic life of the property is so long that any depreciation charge would have no material effect on the accounts. Improvements to the Church building are written off over 20 years on a straight line basis.

Income and Expenditure Recognition

Voluntary income is received in cash by way of donations and fundraising and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities as soon as it is received. Tax reclaimable in respect of Gift Aid is credited in the period to which it relates. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Value Added Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT and all costs are inclusive of VAT.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Pension costs

The Church pays pension contributions for its eligible ministerial staff to the Baptist Ministers Pension Trust Ltd, which is a final salary defined benefit scheme, which is not contracted out of the State Second Pension.

Further details on the pension scheme are set out in notes 8 and 11.

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2 Analysis of Incoming Resources

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted Income		
Gift Aid	29,018	36,313
General income including CAFS	32,068	32,638
Tax refunds	7,255	9,078
Interest received	6,692	1,610
Rent received	29,264	18,206
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	104,297	97,845
Restricted Income		
Community Infrastructure Levy grant	-	13,750
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	-	13,750
Designated Income		
Designated gifts	120	835
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	120	835
Total Incoming Resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	104,417	112,430

3 Administration Expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries, speakers' fees & expenses	2,712	925
Maintenance of Church building	3,675	2,922
Gas, electricity & rates	13,488	2,953
Insurance	5,796	4,201
Repairs & renewals	15,663	24,963
Telephone & internet	924	1,282
Bank charges & subscriptions	1,336	1,633
Consultants, legal & professional fees	2,864	810
Independent Examiner's fee	1,440	1,320
Printing, postage, stationery & photocopying	256	542
Staff training	480	-
Housekeeping, service costs & catering	203	323
Manses maintenance costs	8,119	634
Depreciation to freehold building improvements	9,085	8,802
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	66,041	51,310

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4 Staff Costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross wages	-	34,650
Employers National Insurance	-	-
Pension costs	-	4,095
	<u>-</u>	<u>38,745</u>
Average number of employees	-	1

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

5 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church Premises £	Improvements to Premises £	Manse £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1st January 2023	65,555	181,701	633,369	880,625
As at 31st December 2023	<u>65,555</u>	<u>181,701</u>	<u>633,369</u>	<u>880,625</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1st January 2023	-	54,705	-	54,705
Charge for the year	-	9,085	-	9,085
As at 31st December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>63,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,790</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31st December 2023	<u>65,555</u>	<u>117,911</u>	<u>633,369</u>	<u>816,835</u>
As at 31st December 2022	<u>65,555</u>	<u>126,996</u>	<u>633,369</u>	<u>825,920</u>

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6 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income tax recoverable	699	698
Other debtors & prepayments	9,394	6,260
	<u>10,093</u>	<u>6,958</u>

7 Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	18,833	4,858
	<u>18,833</u>	<u>4,858</u>

8 Provisions For Liabilities and Charges

Section 28 11A of FRS 102 requires agreed deficit recovery payments to be recognised as a liability. The movement in the provision is set out in the table below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance sheet liability at year start	-	23,300
Minus deficiency contributions paid	-	(2,947)
Interest costs	-	437
Remaining (credit)/charge to balance sheet liability*	-	(20,790)
Balance sheet liability at year-end	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

* Comprises any change in the agreed deficit recovery plan and change in assumptions between year-ends.

This liability represents the present value of the deficit contributions agreed as at the accounting date and has been valued using the following assumptions set by reference to the duration of the deficit recovery payments.

	2023	2022	2021
Discount rate	5.7%	5.7%	2.0%
Future increases to Minimum Pensionable Income	0.0%	0.0%	3.2%

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9 Movement in Funds

		Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Transfer £	Resources Expended £	Actuarial Gains/Losses £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted Funds:							
Central funds		1,036,013	104,297	(10,430)	(69,729)	-	1,060,151
		1,036,013	104,297	(10,430)	(69,729)	-	1,060,151
Restricted Funds:							
Grants received	a)	-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
Designated Funds:							
Tithe Fund	b)	5,738		10,430	(10,820)		5,348
Designated gifts	c)	922	120				1,042
Sabbatical Reserve	d)	4,189					4,189
		10,849	120	10,430	(10,820)	-	10,579
Total Funds		1,046,862	104,417	-	(80,549)	-	1,070,730

Designated funds form part of the unrestricted funds of the church that have been set aside for a particular purpose by the trustees. The purpose of each fund is as follows:

- a) A Community Infrastructure Levy grant was awarded by Elmbridge Borough Council to improve the façade of the building and enhance the disabled entrance points.
- b) The church distributes 10% of its annual income to other charities and worthy causes both in the UK and abroad.
- c) Designated gifts represent funds of the church received and set aside by the trustees for specific charitable purposes.
- d) The Sabbatical Reserve is set aside to fund the periodic sabbaticals of ministers of the church.

10 Trustees' Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

During the year, the following amounts were paid to trustees in respect of remuneration:

	Reverend Stephen Austin-Sparks	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Stipend	-	34,650
Pension	-	4,095
	-	38,745

In addition to the above remuneration, the trustee received expenses totalling £nil (2022: £1,398) in respect of travel, subsistence, books, telephone, internet and sundries.

There were no related party transactions during the year other than those disclosed above (2022: £nil).

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11 Pensions

The Church 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).

The Minister is eligible to join the Scheme.

Since January 2012, pension provision has been made through the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan within the Scheme. In general, members pay 8% of their Pensionable Income and employers pay 6% of members' Pensionable Income into individual pension accounts, which are operated and managed on behalf of the Pension Trustee by Legal and General Life Assurance Society Limited. In addition, the employer pays a further 4% of Pensionable Income to cover Death in Service Benefits, administration costs, and an associated insurance policy which provides income protection for Scheme members in the event that they are unable to work due to long-term incapacity. This income protection policy has been insured by the Baptist Union of Great Britain with Aviva plc. (Members of the Basic Section pay reduced contributions of 5% of Pensionable Income, and their employers also pay a total of 5%). The further 4% contribution rate is reduced to 3% for Employer contributions made to the Segregated DC Arrangement.

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre-2012 service were a defined benefit pension of one eightieth of Final Minimum Pensionable Income for each year of Pensionable Service, together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income. The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011.

A formal valuation of the Defined Benefit (DB) plan was performed at 31 December 2019 by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method. The market value of the DB Plan assets at the valuation date was £298 million.

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11 Pensions (continued)

The valuation of the DB Plan revealed a deficit of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £18 million (equivalent to a past service funding level of 94%). The Church and the other employers are responsible for funding this deficit.

At the end of June 2022, the BPS signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group to secure members' pension benefits under the DB Plan. As a result, the Scheme no longer has a shortfall. A revised statement of contributions was announced in July 2022 with deficit contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan reducing to £1 per month from August 2022. However, the participating employers remain responsible for providing a share of any additional funds that the DB Plan may require in the future.

The key financial assumptions underlying the valuation were as follows:

RPI price inflation assumption		3.20% pa
CPI price inflation assumption		2.70% pa
Minimum Pensionable Income increases (CPI plus 1.0% pa)		3.20% pa
Assumed investment returns	- Pre-retirement	2.95% pa
	- Post-retirement	1.70% pa
Deferred pension increases	- Pre April 2009	3.20% pa
	- Post April 2009	2.50% pa
Pension increases	- Main Scheme pension	2.70% pa

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Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	69,786	-	69,786
Tax refunds	9,078	-	9,078
Rent received	18,206	-	18,206
Interest received	1,610	-	1,610
Grants received	-	13,750	13,750
TOTAL	2		
	98,680	13,750	112,430
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Ministry	44,920	-	44,920
Administration	3	-	51,310
Tithe payments	13	-	7,101
Outreach	3,336	-	3,336
Designated gifts	13	-	750
TOTAL			
	107,417	-	107,417
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	-	8,737	13,750
			5,013
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS			
	13,750	-	13,750
			-
	5,013	-	5,013
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)			
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	20,790		20,790
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	25,803	-	25,803
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD			
	1,021,059	-	1,021,059
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9		
	1,046,862	-	1,046,862

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Missionary Account and Outside Causes

	Main Account				
	Tithe Fund £	Call to Service £	Designated Gifts £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Opening balance	5,738	-	922	6,660	3,892
Receipts	10,430	-	120	10,550	835
Transfer				-	9,784
	16,168	-	1,042	17,210	14,511
Payments	10,820	-	-	10,820	7,851
Closing balance	5,348	-	1,042	6,390	6,660
Summary Missionary & Society					
Society Support	10,820	-	-	10,820	7,851
TOTAL	10,820	-	-	10,820	7,851
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION					
Personal/Missionary	10,820	-	-	10,820	7,851

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MAIN ACCOUNT

13 Missionary Account and Outside Causes (Continued)

Societies and Other Causes

	Tithe Fund £	Designated Gifts £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Auckland Christian youth hostel	843		843	519
Barnabas Fund	1,686		1,686	1,109
BMS Worldwide	1,686		1,686	1,109
BMS Worldwide Ukraine appeal	-		-	450
Compassion	1,686		1,686	1,339
Father Heart Ministries	843		843	554
Hope UK	843		843	554
Jews For Jesus	843		843	554
Tearfund General	1,547		1,547	1,109
YWAM Sussex	843		843	554
	<u>10,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,820</u>	<u>7,851</u>