

MANVERS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BATH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127828

Details

Other names	MSBC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-02-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	110 Kilmersdon Road Radstock BA3 3QR
Phone	01761458846
Email	office_msbc@btconnect.com
Website	www.manversstreetbaptistchurch.org.uk

Activities

Objects: The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Activities: Advancement of the Christian Faith, holding Christian worship following Baptist principles. Offering information on Christian, peace & justice issues. Providing a city centre building for gatherings, and recreation including a Cafe. Undertaking Christian outreach activities within the city centre. Providing financial support to specific charities, both at home and abroad.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£233,229	£231,361	-	-
2024-03-31	£202,972	£217,123	-	-
2023-03-31	£205,993	£189,643	-	-
2022-03-31	£186,889	£183,487	-	-
2021-03-31	£138,340	£160,583	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev ANDREW JOHN PERCEY	Chair	2015-01-01
ALISON ELIZABETH BULL		
Andrea Jane Collishaw		2026-04-01
Christopher John BUDDLELL		2020-09-22
Deborah Curtis		2026-04-01
Elaine Bull		2022-04-01
Patricia NORTH		2020-09-22
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We have continued with our Kids Eat Free initiative. Each half school term and for two weeks during the summer holiday we offer free lunches to children under 11. This is designed to help meet the needs of families who are struggling during these difficult economic times.

The minister is part of the group that organises the Pray for Bath events that happens twice yearly and draws several hundred Christians from over 30 churches to meet and pray for their communities. Our Centre Manager runs the Café at the Centre and, with members of the fellowship, is engaged in work with Babies & Toddlers and 'Open the Book' at a local primary school. He is also involved with the Bath Gateway Out and About Club for vulnerable adults.

We continue to give financial support to the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund (£3,000) and Baptist Missionary Society (£3,000). Other charitable giving Grow for Life (£318.94) & Foodbank (£463.97)

The church remains in a healthy place in its mission and its worship. There are always challenges with an ageing congregation, especially pastorally, but we have a dedicated and skilled team who support the minister in this ministry.

Over the past year we have been encouraged to see new people attending the church, especially younger people, which has been a real boost to the fellowship. People are growing in their faith. The church is good news at the heart of the city centre, being good news to the poor, the lonely, the outsider, the refugee and many others across a wide section of society.

We are pleased that our relationships with other churches in the city, as well as other community groups continues to be strong.

Whilst the challenges for next year remain clear, we can be confident that we can meet these challenges with courage and peace, knowing that we are a strong community, with trust in a faithful God.

8. Financial Review

The approved income and expenditure for the Church and Café Accounts during the reporting period year is appended to this report.

9. Reserves Policy

The Church policy is to maintain sufficient financial reserves to cover at least six months estimated expenditure.

10. Future Plans

The Charity will:

Seek to maintain a Christian witness in our city centre: offering a safe place for all to meet.

Develop mutual support groups for all members of our fellowship.

Continue the search for an appropriate way in which to administer the charities' activities.

Undertake substantial maintenance work on the premises.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Manvers Street Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any) 1127828

Set out on pages

7 to 14

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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.

Signed:

K Gooding

Date:

2/10/2025.

Name:

Katy Gooding

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

Address:

Gooding Accounts

Holloway House, Epsom Square, White Horse Business Park

Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 0XG

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Designated £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts	2	71,132	-	-	71,132	60,616
Investment Income	3	3,939	-	-	3,939	3,931
Charitable Activities	4	783	3,149	-	3,932	1,129
Other Receipts	5	154,226	-	-	154,226	137,296
Total Receipts		230,080	3,149	-	233,229	202,972
Payments						
Charitable Activities	6 & 7	228,212	3,149	-	231,361	217,123
Total Payments		228,212	3,149	-	231,361	217,123
Net of receipts/payments		1,868	-	-	1,868	(14,151)
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets	11	-	-	-	-	-
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated		(7,151)	7,151	-	-	-
Cash Funds this Year End		(5,283)	7,151	-	1,868	(14,151)
Total Cash Funds brought forward		98,949	2,707,769	27,600	2,834,318	2,848,469
Total Cash Funds carried forward		93,666	2,714,920	27,600	2,836,186	2,834,318

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Assets retained for the Charity's own Use	10	2,801,316	2,803,578
Cash Funds			
Debtors	12	10,058	9,506
Cash Funds	13	80,597	65,161
		<u>90,655</u>	<u>74,667</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	28,185	16,327
		<u>62,470</u>	<u>58,340</u>
Assets Retained less Liabilities		<u>2,863,786</u>	<u>2,861,918</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		27,600	27,600
Net Assets		<u>2,836,186</u>	<u>2,834,318</u>
Charitable Funds			
Restricted	15	2,714,920	2,707,769
Designated	16	27,600	27,600
Unrestricted	17	93,666	98,949
		<u>2,836,186</u>	<u>2,834,318</u>

Note The MSBC have two Amounts held with WEBA Trust fund £10k & £70K
The notes on pages 5 to 9 form an integral part of these accounts

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

A.E.Bull
Hon.Treasurer

Date

A.Deacon (Trustee)

Date

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total 2024 £
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts		60,616	-	-	60,616
Investment Income		3,931	-	-	3,931
Charitable Activities		1,129	-	-	1,129
Other Receipts		137,296	-	-	137,296
Total Receipts		202,972	-	-	202,972
Payments					
Charitable Activities		217,123	-	-	217,123
Total Payments		217,123	-	-	217,123
Net of receipts/payments		(14,151)	-	-	(14,151)
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated		250	(250)	-	-
Cash Funds this Year End		(13,901)	(250)	-	(14,151)
Total Cash Funds brought forward		112,850	2,708,019	27,600	2,848,469
Total Cash Funds carried forward		98,949	2,707,769	27,600	2,834,318

Manvers Street Baptist Church

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st March 2025

The Churches Charity number is 1127828

This was due to the change on legislation for Church with income over £100,000

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

These accounts 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The charity has taken advantage of the provision in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 updated bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

These accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

b Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

c Volunteer help

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

d Resources Expended

Resources are expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on Receipts and Payments basis, inclusive of any VAT that can not be recovered

e Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives.

Furniture & Fittings are included at their written down values.

Windows for the Manse purchased 2018-2019 £16,980

f Raised for Other Causes

Giving raised for other causes during year and paid out within the same period

g Reserve Policy

The Church shall maintain sufficient financial reserves to cover at least an estimated six months expenditure.

h Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these accounts.

2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2025	2024
Offerings	46,946			46,946	50,426
Tax Refunds	8,117			8,117	9,190
Legacies	16,069			16,069	1,000
	71,132	-	-	71,132	60,616

3 Investment Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2025	2024
Bank Interest	3,939			3,939	3,931
Other Investments				-	-
	3,939	-	-	3,939	3,931

4 Receipts from Charitable Activities

				2025	2024
Outreach Fund Raising				-	-
Open Space		3,149		3,149	-
raised for other Causes	783			783	1,129
	783	3,149	-	3,932	1,129

5 Other Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2025	2024
Car Park	9,084			9,084	7,597
Room Lettings/OTR	87,690			87,690	74,781
Café @ the Centre	54,296			54,296	54,542
Sundry Income	3,156			3,156	376
	154,226	-	-	154,226	137,296

6 Costs of Generating Activities Voluntary Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2025	2024
Café @ the Centre	54,964			54,964	51,925
Administration	23,892			23,892	24,401
Maintenance	72,818			72,818	69,228
Ministry	69,095			69,095	63,780
Mission (Grants Payable)	6,000			6,000	6,000
Raised for other Causes	783			783	1,129
Open Space (Grants payable)		3,149		3,149	-
	227,552	3,149	-	230,701	216,463

7 Governance Costs

	(Costs of managing the charity)				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2025	2024
Independent Examination	660			660	660
Legal Costs				-	-
Other					
	660	-	-	660	660

8 Grants Payable

(See note 6)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2025	2024
BUGB Home Mission	3,000			3,000	3,000
BMS World Mission	3,000			3,000	3,000
Other Charitable Giving	-	3,149		3,149	-
Raised for other causes	783			783	1,129
Outreach Fund Raising				-	-
	6,783	3,149	-	9,932	7,129

Grants made to individuals

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Grants made to institutions

If the charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grant making please give details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution listed. Sufficient information should be given to provide a reasonable understanding of the range of institutions supported.

Names of Institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
BMS World Mission	Christian world Mission	3,000
Home Mission	Christian Mission at Home	3,000
Grow for Life	Mental health with Outdoor activities (Gardening)	319
Foodbank	Help those in food poverty	464
Total grants to institutions		6,783

9 Staff Costs

	2025	2024
Gross Salaries	95,476	86,795
Social Security Costs	4,159	3,184
Pension Costs (See note 18)	8,157	7,770
Other Costs		
	107,792	97,749

The average number of employees during the year was:-

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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2024 none)

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees (2024 none)

10 Assets retained for the Charity's own Use

	Church Property	Furniture & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost				
1st April' 2024	2,706,980	438,833	8,101	3,153,914
Additions			349	349
Revaluations				-
Disposals				-
31st March' 2025	2,706,980	438,833	8,450	3,154,263
Depreciation				
1st April' 2024	-	342,572	7,764	350,336
Charge for the year		2,326	285	2,611
On Disposals				-
31st March' 2025	-	344,898	8,049	352,947
Net Book Value				
1st April' 2024	2,706,980	96,261	337	2,803,578
31st March' 2025	2,706,980	93,935	401	2,801,316

All the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes

11 Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Fixed Assets

At 31st March 2025 the following properties were held as long term investments:-

	2025	2024
Church Premises	2,280,000	2,280,000
25, Castle Gardens, Bath	426,980	426,980
Total	<u>2,706,980</u>	<u>2,706,980</u>

12 Debtors

	2025	2024
Prepayments	8,913	8,311
Café Floats	1,145	1,195
	<u>10,058</u>	<u>9,506</u>

13 Banks and Cash

	2025	2024
Lloyds Bank plc	42,712	30,804
Baptist Union Corporation	11,306	11,084
WEBA Trust Account	26,369	23,062
Petty Cash	210	211
	<u>80,597</u>	<u>65,161</u>

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
Trust Funds	7,940	789
Deferred Income	12,090	11,038
Accruals	2,112	239
Other Creditors	6,043	4,261
	<u>28,185</u>	<u>16,327</u>

15 Restricted Funds

	1st April 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2025
Open Space (Greens Teams)	789	3,149	3,149	7,151	7,940
Church and gardens	2,706,980				2,706,980
	<u>2,707,769</u>	<u>3,149</u>	<u>3,149</u>	<u>7,151</u>	<u>2,714,920</u>
	1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2024
Open Space (Greens Teams)	1,039	-	-	(250)	789
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	<u>2,708,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>2,707,769</u>

16 Designated Funds

	1st April 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2025
Repairs Fund	27,600			-	27,600
General Maint.	-			-	-
	<u>27,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,600</u>
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The repairs fund represents sums set aside for the long term maintenance of the church buildings

17 Analysis of Net Assets

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	Total
Restricted Funds	2,706,980		7,940	2,714,920
Designated Funds			27,600	27,600
Unrestricted Funds	94,336		(670)	93,666
	2,801,316	-	34,870	2,836,186

18 Pensions

The total pension cost for the Church for the year was £8,157 (2024 £7,770)

19 Related Charities

The custodian Trustee of the church is the West of England Baptist Association which is charity number 1092443, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The church made a donation to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme as set out in note 8

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In this last year we have started a new initiative – Kids Eat Free. Each half school term and for two weeks during the summer holiday we offer free food to children under 11 who would otherwise struggle with the increased cost of living and the extra meals needed when not provided by the school. The minister visits one local care homes on a monthly basis to lead services for residents. He also is part of the group that organises the Pray for Bath events that happens twice yearly. Our Centre Manager runs the Café at the Centre and, with members of the fellowship, is engaged in work with Babies & Toddlers and 'Open the Book' at a local primary school. He is also involved with the Bath Gateway Out and About Club for vulnerable adults.

We continue to give financial support to the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund (£3,000) and Baptist Missionary Society (£3,000) Turkey & Syria Earthquake £476, British Red Cross £326 & Children in Distress £326.

The church remains in a healthy place in its mission and its worship. There are always challenges with an ageing congregation, especially pastorally, but we have a dedicated and skilled team who support the minister in this ministry. People are growing in their faith. The church is good news at the heart of the city centre, being good news to the poor, the lonely, the outsider, the refugee and many others across a wide section of society.

We are pleased that our relationships with other churches in the city, as well as other community groups continues to be strong.

Whilst the challenges for next year remain clear, and the future remains uncertain, we can be confident that we can meet these challenges with courage and peace, knowing that we are a strong community, with trust in a faithful God.

8. Financial Review

The approved income and expenditure for the Church and Café Accounts during the reporting period year is appended to this report.

9. Reserves Policy

The Church policy is to maintain sufficient financial reserves to cover at least six months estimated expenditure.

10. Future Plans

The Charity will:

Seek to maintain a Christian witness in our city centre: offering a safe place for all to meet.

Develop mutual support groups for all members of our fellowship.

Continue the search for an appropriate way in which to administer the charities' activities.

Undertake substantial maintenance work on the premises.



Section A

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Manvers Street Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

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Charitable Activities	4	1,129	-	-	1,129	1,496
Other Receipts	5	137,296	-	-	137,296	130,912
Total Receipts		202,972	-	-	202,972	205,993
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Charitable Activities	6 & 7	217,123	-	-	217,123	189,643
Total Payments		217,123	-	-	217,123	189,643
Net of receipts/payments		(14,151)	-	-	(14,151)	16,350
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets	11	-	-	-	-	-
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated		250	(250)	-	-	-
Cash Funds this Year End		(13,901)	(250)	-	(14,151)	16,350
Total Cash Funds brought forward		112,850	2,708,019	27,600	2,848,469	2,832,119
Total Cash Funds carried forward		98,949	2,707,769	27,600	2,834,318	2,848,469

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Charitable Activities		1,496	-	-	1,496
Other Receipts		130,912	-	-	130,912
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Total Payments		189,643	-	-	189,643
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2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2024	2023
Offerings	50,426			50,426	51,739
Tax Refunds	9,190			9,190	10,082
Legacies	1,000			1,000	9,000
	60,616	-	-	60,616	70,821

3 Investment Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2024	2023
Bank Interest	3,931			3,931	2,764
Other Investments				-	-
	3,931	-	-	3,931	2,764

4 Receipts from Charitable Activities

			2024	2023
Outreach Fund Raising			-	-
Open Space			-	-
raised for other Causes	1,129		1,129	1,496
	1,129	-	1,129	1,496

5 Other Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2024	2023
Car Park	7,597			7,597	8,572
Room Lettings/OTR	74,781			74,781	74,096
Café @ the Centre	54,542			54,542	46,450
Sundry Income	376			376	1,794
	137,296	-	-	137,296	130,912

6 Costs of Generating Activities Voluntary Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2024	2023
Café @ the Centre	51,925			51,925	49,214
Administration	24,401			24,401	20,875
Maintenance	69,228			69,228	49,101
Ministry	63,780			63,780	62,296
Mission (Grants Payable)	6,000			6,000	6,000
Raised for other Causes (Grants payable)	1,129			1,129	1,497
	216,463	-	-	216,463	188,983

7 Governance Costs

	(Costs of managing the charity)			2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated		
Independent Examination	660			660	660
	660	-	-	660	660

8 Grants Payable

(See note 6)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2024	2023
BUGB Home Mission	3,000			3,000	3,000
BMS World Mission	3,000			3,000	3,000
Raised for other causes	1,129			1,129	1,496
	7,129	-	-	7,129	7,496

Grants made to individuals

Grants made to institutions

If the charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grant making please give details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution listed. Sufficient information should be given to provide a reasonable understanding of the range of institutions supported.

Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
BMS World Mission	Christian world Mission	3,000
Home Mission	Christian Mission at Home	3,000
DEC Disasters Emergency Committee	Turkey & Syria Earthquake	476
British Red Cross	Emergency Responders	326
Children In Distress	Help of Children with disabilities, HIV & Aids	327
Total grants to institutions		7,129

9 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
Gross Salaries	86,795	82,266
Social Security Costs	3,184	2,437
Pension Costs (See note 18)	7,770	8,708
	97,749	93,411

The average number of employees during the year was:-

5	5
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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2023 none)

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees (2023 none)

10 Assets retained for the Charity's own Use

	Church Property	Furniture & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost				
1st April' 2023	2,706,980	438,833	8,101	3,153,914
Additions				-
Revaluations				-
Disposals				-
31st March' 2024	2,706,980	438,833	8,101	3,153,914
Depreciation				
1st April' 2023		340,246	7,595	347,841
Charge for the year		2,326	169	2,495
On Disposals				-
31st March' 2024	-	342,572	7,764	350,336
Net Book Value				
1st April' 2023	2,706,980	98,587	506	2,806,073
31st March' 2024	2,706,980	96,261	337	2,803,578

All the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes

11 Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Fixed Assets

At 31st March 2024 the following properties were held as long term investments:-

	2024	2023
Church Premises	2,280,000	2,280,000
25, Castle Gardens, Bath	426,980	426,980
Total	<u>2,706,980</u>	<u>2,706,980</u>

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
Prepayments	8,311	8,011
Café Floats	1,195	1,325
	<u>9,506</u>	<u>9,336</u>

13 Banks and Cash

	2024	2023
Lloyds Bank plc	30,804	49,054
Baptist Union Corporation	11,084	10,785
WEBA Trust Account	23,062	19,891
Petty Cash	211	208
	<u>65,161</u>	<u>79,938</u>

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Trust Funds	789	1,039
Deferred Income	11,038	10,837
Accruals	239	1,333
Other Creditors	4,261	6,069
	<u>16,327</u>	<u>19,278</u>

15 Restricted Funds

	1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2024
Open Space (Greens Teams)	1,039	-	-	(250)	789
Church and gardens	2,706,980				2,706,980
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16 Designated Funds

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Repairs Fund	27,600			-	27,600
General Maint.	-			-	-
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The repairs fund represents sums set aside for the long term maintenance of the church buildings

17 Analysis of Net Assets

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	Total
Restricted Funds	2,706,980		789	2,707,769
Designated Funds			27,600	27,600
Unrestricted Funds	96,598		2,351	98,949
	<u>2,803,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,740</u>	<u>2,834,318</u>

18 Pensions

The total pension cost for the Church for the year was £7,770 (2023 £8,708)

19 Related Charities

The custodian Trustee of the church is the West of England Baptist Association which is charity number 1092443, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The church made a donation to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme as set out in note 8



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(See note 6)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2024	2023
BUGB Home Mission	3,000			3,000	3,000
BMS World Mission	3,000			3,000	3,000
Raised for other causes	1,129			1,129	1,496
	7,129	-	-	7,129	7,496

Grants made to individuals

Grants made to institutions

If the charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grant making please give details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution listed. Sufficient information should be given to provide a reasonable understanding of the range of institutions supported.

Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
BMS World Mission	Christian world Mission	3,000
Home Mission	Christian Mission at Home	3,000
DEC Disasters Emergency Committee	Turkey & Syria Earthquake	476
British Red Cross	Emergency Responders	326
Children In Distress	Help of Children with disabilities, HIV & Aids	327
Total grants to institutions		7,129

9 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
Gross Salaries	86,795	82,266
Social Security Costs	3,184	2,437
Pension Costs (See note 18)	7,770	8,708
	97,749	93,411

The average number of employees during the year was:-

5	5
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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2023 none)

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees (2023 none)

10 Assets retained for the Charity's own Use

	Church Property	Furniture & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost				
1st April' 2023	2,706,980	438,833	8,101	3,153,914
Additions				-
Revaluations				-
Disposals				-
31st March' 2024	2,706,980	438,833	8,101	3,153,914
Depreciation				
1st April' 2023		340,246	7,595	347,841
Charge for the year		2,326	169	2,495
On Disposals				-
31st March' 2024	-	342,572	7,764	350,336
Net Book Value				
1st April' 2023	2,706,980	98,587	506	2,806,073
31st March' 2024	2,706,980	96,261	337	2,803,578

All the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes

11 Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Fixed Assets

At 31st March 2024 the following properties were held as long term investments:-

	2024	2023
Church Premises	2,280,000	2,280,000
25, Castle Gardens, Bath	426,980	426,980
Total	<u>2,706,980</u>	<u>2,706,980</u>

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
Prepayments	8,311	8,011
Café Floats	1,195	1,325
	<u>9,506</u>	<u>9,336</u>

13 Banks and Cash

	2024	2023
Lloyds Bank plc	30,804	49,054
Baptist Union Corporation	11,084	10,785
WEBA Trust Account	23,062	19,891
Petty Cash	211	208
	<u>65,161</u>	<u>79,938</u>

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Trust Funds	789	1,039
Deferred Income	11,038	10,837
Accruals	239	1,333
Other Creditors	4,261	6,069
	<u>16,327</u>	<u>19,278</u>

15 Restricted Funds

	1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2024
Open Space (Greens Teams)	1,039	-	-	(250)	789
Church and gardens	2,706,980				2,706,980
	<u>2,708,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>2,707,769</u>
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Open Space (Greens Teams)	1,039	-	-	-	1,039
Church and gardens	2,706,980				2,706,980
	<u>2,708,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,708,019</u>

16 Designated Funds

	1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2024
Repairs Fund	27,600			-	27,600
General Maint.	-			-	-
	<u>27,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,600</u>
	1st April 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2023
Repairs Fund	27,600			-	27,600
General Maint.	-			-	-
	<u>27,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,600</u>

The repairs fund represents sums set aside for the long term maintenance of the church buildings

17 Analysis of Net Assets

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	Total
Restricted Funds	2,706,980		789	2,707,769
Designated Funds			27,600	27,600
Unrestricted Funds	96,598		2,351	98,949
	<u>2,803,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,740</u>	<u>2,834,318</u>

18 Pensions

The total pension cost for the Church for the year was £7,770 (2023 £8,708)

19 Related Charities

The custodian Trustee of the church is the West of England Baptist Association which is charity number 1092443, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The church made a donation to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme as set out in note 8

MANVERS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BATH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127828

Accounts

MANVERS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BATH

Trustee Report for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2023

1. Constitution

Manvers Street Baptist Church (MSBC) approved a Revised Constitution at a Special Church Members Meeting on 9 November 2008 and was adopted as a registered Charity on 2 February 2009 (Charity No.1127828).

2. Organisation

MSBC moved to its current site 1872 but its origins date from 1752 with a Baptist community worshipping in the city centre. MSBC is understood to mean the members of the charitable unincorporated association governed by its current constitution and Trust Deed. The members appoint a Board of Trustees (also known as Deacons) who are responsible for the governance of the church as discerned by the Members Meeting. The Church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the West of England Baptist Association, who administer the Trust Deed. For financial purposes and Trustee 'service' the Church's annual year starts from 1 April. As at 1 April 2023 the church had 84 members.

3. Objectives of the Charity

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination, with special emphasis to the city centre environment. The church may also advance Christian Teaching and carry out other charitable purposes at home and abroad.

4. Serving Trustees

Serving Trustees (effective from April 2022)

Rev'd Andy Percey - Chair (Minister/Pastor)

Alison Bull - Treasurer

Elaine Bull

Christopher Buddell

Isabel Buddell

Deborah Curtis

Shelley Martin

Patrica North

Tom Winsborough

5. Appointment of Trustees

Trustees (excepting Minister, Secretary and Treasurer) are appointed for a term of office lasting three years with the opportunity to serve one further three year term of office if elected. After two terms of office the trustee must take a sabbatical of at least one year. The Minister serves for his/her tenure of office and the Secretary and Treasurer are appointed annually.

6. Staffing

The church supports an accredited Minister of Religion on a full-time basis.

The church also employs a Centre Manager who is also full-time.

The Centre Manager has line management responsibility for an Office Administrator (part time), a Caretaker (part time) who lives on the premises and for a number of volunteer staff who work in the Café. The Office Administrator's tasks include room lettings and office support duties.

7. Achievements and Performance

There have been six Church Members Meetings in the year and ten Trustees (Deacons) Meetings. The Café at the Centre Resource Group met once during the reporting period.

Reverend Andy Percey completed his eighth year as our minister. Andy's leading of worship is both thoughtful and inspiring and his pastoral gifts are much appreciated in the wider fellowship. During this last year Andy had some time off recovering from brain surgery. We thank God that he has fully recovered - though his condition continues to be monitored. Post-Covid the footfall in the Café at the Centre is gradually increasing to pre-pandemic levels. The café's primary role is providing a sanctuary in a busy city centre and is an important aspect of the church's outreach.

The café also provides an ideal base for outreach. Examples of weekly gatherings involving the church and wider community are:

Crafty Monday, on a Monday afternoon, is time when "people meet people" in a relaxed atmosphere and explore creativity in a variety of ways.

Baby and Toddlers group meet on Tuesday.

Open Space Post Natal Group

Friday and Saturday nights as a base for Street Pastors

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) operate a debt counselling service from our premises. As a result of local funding challenges the decision was made to cease the activity from April 2023, CAP will no longer be operating from our premises. Arrangements are in hand for another charitable organisation (Life In Abundance) to make use of that room.

Other charitable organisations operating from our premises include:

Julian House Night Shelter and homeless services

Off The Record counselling service for young people - including an 'OK Café' on a Friday evening

CRUSE counselling

Food Bank

Examples of other non-church not-for-profit activities based in or using our premises (in normal times) are:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous

University of the Third Age (U3A)

Workers Education Association

Bath Welcomes Refugees

English Language classes and Homework Club for Teenagers

Bath MIND

Various choirs and study groups

In this last year we have been pleased to welcome the Society of Friends (Quakers) to our premises. They meet weekly on Sunday mornings at the same time we meet in the sanctuary. The minister visits two local care homes on a monthly basis to lead services for residents. He also is part of the group that organises the Pray for Bath events that happens twice yearly. Our Centre Manager runs the Café at the Centre and, with members of the fellowship, is engaged in work with Babies & Toddlers and 'Open the Book' at a local primary school. He is also involved with the Bath Gateway Out and About Club for vulnerable adults.

We continue to give financial support to the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund (£3,000) and Baptist Missionary Society (£3,000). We also gave to the Ukraine Disaster appeal (£555); to Banes Young Carers (£197); to Pakistan Disasters appeal (£548) and to Children in Distress (£197).

The church remains in a healthy place in its mission and its worship. There are always challenges with an ageing congregation, especially pastorally, but we have a dedicated and skilled team who support the minister in this ministry. People are growing in their faith. The church is good news at the heart of the city centre, being good news to the poor, the lonely, the outsider, the refugee and many others across a wide section of society.

We are pleased that our relationships with other churches in the city, as well as other community groups continues to be strong.

Whilst the challenges for next year remain clear, and the future remains uncertain, we can be confident that we can meet these challenges with courage and peace, knowing that we are a strong community, with trust in a faithful God.

8. Financial Review

The approved income and expenditure for the Church and Café Accounts during the reporting period year is appended to this report.

9. Reserves Policy

The Church policy is to maintain sufficient financial reserves to cover at least six months estimated expenditure.

10. Future Plans

The Charity will:

Seek to maintain a Christian witness in our city centre: offering a safe place for all to meet.

Develop mutual support groups for all members of our fellowship.

Continue the search for an appropriate way in which to administer the charities' activities.

Undertake substantial maintenance work on the premises.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Manvers Street Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)** 1127828

Set out on pages

6 to 14

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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.

Signed:

K Gooding

Date:

08/11/2023.

Name:

Katy Gooding

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCA

Address:

Gooding Accounts

24 Warminster Road

Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 3PE

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Designated £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts	2	70,821	-	-	70,821	61,624
Investment Income	3	2,764	-	-	2,764	2,268
Charitable Activities	4	1,496	-	-	1,496	1,517
Other Receipts	5	130,912	-	-	130,912	121,480
Total Receipts		205,993	-	-	205,993	186,889
Payments						
Charitable Activities	6 & 7	189,643	-	-	189,643	183,487
Total Payments		189,643	-	-	189,643	183,487
Net of receipts/payments		16,350	-	-	16,350	3,402
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets	11	-	-	-	-	-
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated		-	-	-	-	-
Cash Funds this Year End		16,350	-	-	16,350	3,402
Total Cash Funds brought forward		96,500	2,708,019	27,600	2,832,119	2,828,717
Total Cash Funds carried forward		112,850	2,708,019	27,600	2,848,469	2,832,119

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	£	2023	£	2022	£
Assets retained for the Charity's own Use	10			2,806,073		2,804,396
Cash Funds						
Debtors	12		9,336		7,629	
Cash Funds	13		79,938		71,880	
			<u>89,274</u>		<u>79,509</u>	
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14		19,278		24,186	
			<u>69,996</u>		<u>55,323</u>	
Assets Retained less Liabilities			<u>2,876,069</u>		<u>2,859,719</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			27,600		27,600	
Net Assets			<u>2,848,469</u>		<u>2,832,119</u>	
Charitable Funds						
Restricted	15		2,708,019		2,708,019	
Designated	16		27,600		27,600	
Unrestricted	17		<u>112,850</u>		<u>96,500</u>	
			<u>2,848,469</u>		<u>2,832,119</u>	

Note The MSBC have two Amounts held with WEBA Trust fund £10k & £70K
The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

A.E.Bull

Hon.Treasurer

A.E. Bull

Date 28 November 2023

A.Deacon (Trustee)

A. Deacon

Date 28 November 2023

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total 2022 £
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts		61,624	-	-	61,624
Investment Income		2,268	-	-	2,268
Charitable Activities		952	565	-	1,517
Other Receipts		121,480	-	-	121,480
Total Receipts		186,324	565	-	186,889
Payments					
Charitable Activities		182,922	565	-	183,487
Total Payments		182,922	565	-	183,487
Net of receipts/payments		3,402	-	-	3,402
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated		1,306	(1,906)	600	-
Cash Funds this Year End		4,708	(1,906)	600	3,402
Total Cash Funds brought forward		91,792	2,709,925	27,000	2,828,717
Total Cash Funds carried forward		96,500	2,708,019	27,600	2,832,119

Manvers Street Baptist Church

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st March 2023

The Churches Charity number is 1127828

This was due to the change on legislation for Church with income over £100,000

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

These accounts 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The charity has taken advantage of the provision in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 updated bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

These accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

b. Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

c. Volunteer help

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

d. Resources Expended

Resources are expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on Receipts and Payments basis, inclusive of any VAT that can not be recovered

e. Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives.

Furniture & Fittings are included at their written down values.

Windows for the Manse purchased 2018-2019 £16,980

f. Raised for Other Causes

Giving raised for other causes during year and paid out within the same period

g. Reserve Policy

The Church shall maintain sufficient financial reserves to cover at least an estimated six months expenditure.

h Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these accounts.

2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2023	2022
Offerings	51,739			51,739	51,409
Tax Refunds	10,082			10,082	10,190
Legacies	9,000			9,000	25
	70,821	-	-	70,821	61,624

3 Investment Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2023	2022
Bank Interest	2,764			2,764	2,268
Other Investments				-	-
	2,764	-	-	2,764	2,268

4 Receipts from Charitable Activities

			2023	2022
Outreach Fund Raising			-	-
Open Space			-	565
raised for other Causes	1,496		1,496	952
	1,496	-	1,496	1,517

5 Other Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2023	2022
Car Park	8,572			8,572	4,972
Room Lettings/OTR	74,096			74,096	79,895
Café @ the Centre	46,450			46,450	24,302
Sundry Income	1,794			1,794	12,311
	130,912	-	-	130,912	121,480

6 Costs of Generating Activities Voluntary Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2023	2022
Café @ the Centre	49,214			49,214	41,768
Administration	20,875			20,875	19,022
Maintenance	49,101			49,101	54,096
Ministry	62,296			62,296	60,604
Mission (Grants Payable)	6,000			6,000	4,800
Raised for other Causes	1,497			1,497	1,972
Open Space (Grants payable)				-	565
	188,983	-	-	188,983	182,827

7 Governance Costs

	(Costs of managing the charity)		Designated	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted			
Independent Examination	660			660	660
Legal Costs				-	-
Other					
	660	-	-	660	660

8 Grants Payable

	(See note 6)		Designated	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted			
BUGB Home Mission	3,000			3,000	2,400
BMS World Mission	3,000			3,000	2,400
Other Charitable Giving	-			-	-
Raised for other causes	1,496			1,496	1,972
Outreach Fund Raising				-	-
	7,496	-	-	7,496	6,772

Grants made to individuals

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Grants made to institutions

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Home Mission	Christian Mission at Home	3,000
DEC Disasters Emergency Committee	Ukraine Appeal	555
Banes Young Carers	Help for young people	197
DEC Disasters Emergency Committee	Pakistan Appeal	548
Children In Distress	Help of Children with disabilities, HIV & Aids	197
Total grants to institutions		7,497

9 Staff Costs

	2023	2022
Gross Salaries	82,266	78,547
Social Security Costs	2,437	1,919
Pension Costs (See note 18)	8,708	11,260
Other Costs		
	93,411	91,726

The average number of employees during the year was:-

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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2023 none)

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees (2023 none)

10 Assets retained for the Charity's own Use

	Church Property	Furniture & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost				
1st April' 2022	2,706,980	437,132	8,101	3,152,213
Additions		1,701		1,701
Revaluations				-
Disposals				-
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Depreciation				
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Charge for the year		24		24
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Total	2,706,980	2,706,980

12 Debtors

	2023	2022
Prepayments	8,011	6,348
Café Floats	1,325	1,281
	9,336	7,629

13 Banks and Cash

	2023	2022
Lloyds Bank plc	49,054	43,601
Baptist Union Corporation	10,785	10,534
WEBA Trust Account	19,891	17,507
Petty Cash	208	238
	79,938	71,880

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
Trust Funds	1,039	1,039
Deferred Income	10,837	9,220
Accruals	1,333	11,213
Other Creditors	6,069	2,714
	<u>19,278</u>	<u>24,186</u>

15 Restricted Funds

	1st April 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2023
Open Space (Greens Teams)	1,039				1,039
Church and gardens	2,706,980				2,706,980
	<u>2,708,019</u>	-	-	-	<u>2,708,019</u>
	1st April 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2022
Open Space (Greens Teams)	2,945	565	565	1,906	1,039
Church and gardens	2,706,980			-	2,706,980
	<u>2,709,925</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>1,906</u>	<u>2,708,019</u>

16 Designated Funds

	1st April 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2023
Repairs Fund	27,600			-	27,600
General Maint.	-			-	-
	<u>27,600</u>	-	-	-	<u>27,600</u>
	1st April 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2022
Repairs Fund	27,000			600	27,600
General Maint.	-			-	-
	<u>27,000</u>	-	-	<u>600</u>	<u>27,600</u>

The repairs fund represents sums set aside for the long term maintenance of the church buildings

17 Analysis of Net Assets

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	Total
Restricted Funds	2,706,980		1,039	2,708,019
Designated Funds			27,600	27,600
Unrestricted Funds	99,093		13,757	112,850
	<u>2,806,073</u>	-	<u>42,396</u>	<u>2,848,469</u>

18 Pensions

The total pension cost for the Church for the year was £8,708(2022 £11,260)

19 Related Charities

The custodian Trustee of the church is the West of England Baptist Association which is charity number 1092443, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The church made a donation to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme as set out in note 8



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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members of**

Charity Name
Manvers Street Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2023

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**Responsibilities and
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Signed:

K Gooding

Date:

08/11/2023.

Name:

Katy Gooding

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Manvers Street Baptist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Designated £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts	2	70,821	-	-	70,821	61,624
Investment Income	3	2,764	-	-	2,764	2,268
Charitable Activities	4	1,496	-	-	1,496	1,517
Other Receipts	5	130,912	-	-	130,912	121,480
Total Receipts		205,993	-	-	205,993	186,889
Payments						
Charitable Activities	6 & 7	189,643	-	-	189,643	183,487
Total Payments		189,643	-	-	189,643	183,487
Net of receipts/payments		16,350	-	-	16,350	3,402
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets	11	-	-	-	-	-
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated		-	-	-	-	-
Cash Funds this Year End		16,350	-	-	16,350	3,402
Total Cash Funds brought forward		96,500	2,708,019	27,600	2,832,119	2,828,717
Total Cash Funds carried forward		112,850	2,708,019	27,600	2,848,469	2,832,119

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	£	2023	£	2022	£
Assets retained for the Charity's own Use	10			2,806,073		2,804,396
Cash Funds						
Debtors	12		9,336		7,629	
Cash Funds	13		79,938		71,880	
			<u>89,274</u>		<u>79,509</u>	
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14		19,278		24,186	
			<u>69,996</u>		<u>55,323</u>	
Assets Retained less Liabilities			<u>2,876,069</u>		<u>2,859,719</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			27,600		27,600	
Net Assets			<u>2,848,469</u>		<u>2,832,119</u>	
Charitable Funds						
Restricted	15		2,708,019		2,708,019	
Designated	16		27,600		27,600	
Unrestricted	17		<u>112,850</u>		<u>96,500</u>	
			<u>2,848,469</u>		<u>2,832,119</u>	

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These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

A.E.Bull

Hon.Treasurer

A.E. Bull

Date 28 November 2023

A.Deacon (Trustee)

A. Deacon

Date 28 November 2023

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total 2022 £
		£	£	£	
Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts		61,624	-	-	61,624
Investment Income		2,268	-	-	2,268
Charitable Activities		952	565	-	1,517
Other Receipts		121,480	-	-	121,480
Total Receipts		186,324	565	-	186,889
Payments					
Charitable Activities		182,922	565	-	183,487
Total Payments		182,922	565	-	183,487
Net of receipts/payments		3,402	-	-	3,402
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated		1,306	(1,906)	600	-
Cash Funds this Year End		4,708	(1,906)	600	3,402
Total Cash Funds brought forward		91,792	2,709,925	27,000	2,828,717
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Manvers Street Baptist Church

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st March 2023

The Churches Charity number is 1127828

This was due to the change on legislation for Church with income over £100,000

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of preparation

These accounts 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

The charity has taken advantage of the provision in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 updated bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

These accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these accounts are rounded to the nearest £.

b. Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

c. Volunteer help

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

d. Resources Expended

Resources are expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on Receipts and Payments basis, inclusive of any VAT that can not be recovered

e. Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives.

Furniture & Fittings are included at their written down values.

Windows for the Manse purchased 2018-2019 £16,980

f. Raised for Other Causes

Giving raised for other causes during year and paid out within the same period

g. Reserve Policy

The Church shall maintain sufficient financial reserves to cover at least an estimated six months expenditure.

h Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these accounts.

2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2023	2022
Offerings	51,739			51,739	51,409
Tax Refunds	10,082			10,082	10,190
Legacies	9,000			9,000	25
	70,821	-	-	70,821	61,624

3 Investment Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2023	2022
Bank Interest	2,764			2,764	2,268
Other Investments				-	-
	2,764	-	-	2,764	2,268

4 Receipts from Charitable Activities

			2023	2022
Outreach Fund Raising			-	-
Open Space			-	565
raised for other Causes	1,496		1,496	952
	1,496	-	1,496	1,517

5 Other Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2023	2022
Car Park	8,572			8,572	4,972
Room Lettings/OTR	74,096			74,096	79,895
Café @ the Centre	46,450			46,450	24,302
Sundry Income	1,794			1,794	12,311
	130,912	-	-	130,912	121,480

6 Costs of Generating Activities Voluntary Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2023	2022
Café @ the Centre	49,214			49,214	41,768
Administration	20,875			20,875	19,022
Maintenance	49,101			49,101	54,096
Ministry	62,296			62,296	60,604
Mission (Grants Payable)	6,000			6,000	4,800
Raised for other Causes	1,497			1,497	1,972
Open Space (Grants payable)				-	565
	188,983	-	-	188,983	182,827

7 Governance Costs

	(Costs of managing the charity)		Designated	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted			
Independent Examination	660			660	660
Legal Costs				-	-
Other					
	660	-	-	660	660

8 Grants Payable

	(See note 6)		Designated	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted			
BUGB Home Mission	3,000			3,000	2,400
BMS World Mission	3,000			3,000	2,400
Other Charitable Giving	-			-	-
Raised for other causes	1,496			1,496	1,972
Outreach Fund Raising				-	-
	7,496	-	-	7,496	6,772

Grants made to individuals

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Grants made to institutions

If the charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grant making please give details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution listed. Sufficient information should be given to provide a reasonable understanding of the range of institutions supported.

Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
BMS World Mission	Christian world Mission	3,000
Home Mission	Christian Mission at Home	3,000
DEC Disasters Emergency Committee	Ukraine Appeal	555
Banes Young Carers	Help for young people	197
DEC Disasters Emergency Committee	Pakistan Appeal	548
Children In Distress	Help of Children with disabilities, HIV & Aids	197
Total grants to institutions		7,497

9 Staff Costs

	2023	2022
Gross Salaries	82,266	78,547
Social Security Costs	2,437	1,919
Pension Costs (See note 18)	8,708	11,260
Other Costs		
	93,411	91,726

The average number of employees during the year was:-

5	5
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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2023 none)

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees (2023 none)

10 Assets retained for the Charity's own Use

	Church Property	Furniture & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost				
1st April' 2022	2,706,980	437,132	8,101	3,152,213
Additions		1,701		1,701
Revaluations				-
Disposals				-
31st March' 2023	2,706,980	438,833	8,101	3,153,914
Depreciation				
1st April' 2022		340,222	7,595	347,817
Charge for the year		24		24
On Disposals				-
31st March' 2023	-	340,246	7,595	347,841
Net Book Value				
1st April' 2022	2,706,980	96,910	506	2,804,396
31st March' 2023	2,706,980	98,587	506	2,806,073

All the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes

11 Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Fixed Assets

At 31st March 2023 the following properties were held as long term investments:-

	2023	2022
Church Premises	2,280,000	2,280,000
25, Castle Gardens, Bath	426,980	426,980
Total	<u>2,706,980</u>	<u>2,706,980</u>

12 Debtors

	2023	2022
Prepayments	8,011	6,348
Café Floats	1,325	1,281
	<u>9,336</u>	<u>7,629</u>

13 Banks and Cash

	2023	2022
Lloyds Bank plc	49,054	43,601
Baptist Union Corporation	10,785	10,534
WEBA Trust Account	19,891	17,507
Petty Cash	208	238
	<u>79,938</u>	<u>71,880</u>

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
Trust Funds	1,039	1,039
Deferred Income	10,837	9,220
Accruals	1,333	11,213
Other Creditors	6,069	2,714
	<u>19,278</u>	<u>24,186</u>

15 Restricted Funds

	1st April 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2023
Open Space (Greens Teams)	1,039				1,039
Church and gardens	2,706,980				2,706,980
	<u>2,708,019</u>	-	-	-	<u>2,708,019</u>
	1st April 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2022
Open Space (Greens Teams)	2,945	565	565	1,906	1,039
Church and gardens	2,706,980			-	2,706,980
	<u>2,709,925</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>1,906</u>	<u>2,708,019</u>

16 Designated Funds

	1st April 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2023
Repairs Fund	27,600			-	27,600
General Maint.	-			-	-
	<u>27,600</u>	-	-	-	<u>27,600</u>
	1st April 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2022
Repairs Fund	27,000			600	27,600
General Maint.	-			-	-
	<u>27,000</u>	-	-	<u>600</u>	<u>27,600</u>

The repairs fund represents sums set aside for the long term maintenance of the church buildings

17 Analysis of Net Assets

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	Total
Restricted Funds	2,706,980		1,039	2,708,019
Designated Funds			27,600	27,600
Unrestricted Funds	99,093		13,757	112,850
	<u>2,806,073</u>	-	<u>42,396</u>	<u>2,848,469</u>

18 Pensions

The total pension cost for the Church for the year was £8,708(2022 £11,260)

19 Related Charities

The custodian Trustee of the church is the West of England Baptist Association which is charity number 1092443, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The church made a donation to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme as set out in note 8

MANVERS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BATH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127828

Accounts

MANVERS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BATH

Trustee Report for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2022

1. Constitution

Manvers Street Baptist Church (MSBC) approved a Revised Constitution at a Special Church Members Meeting on 9 November 2008 and was adopted as a registered Charity on 2 February 2009 (Charity No.1127828).

2. Organisation

MSBC moved to its current site 1872 but its origins date from 1752 with a Baptist community worshipping in the city centre. MSBC is understood to mean the members of the charitable unincorporated association governed by its current constitution and Trust Deed. The members appoint a Board of Trustees (also known as Deacons) who are responsible for the governance of the church as discerned by the Members Meeting. The Church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the West of England Baptist Association, who administer the Trust Deed. For financial purposes and Trustee 'service' the Church's annual year starts from 1 April. As at that date in 2022 the church had 89 members.

3. Objectives of the Charity

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination, with special emphasis to the city centre environment. The church may also advance Christian Teaching and carry out other charitable purposes at home and abroad.

4. Serving Trustees

Serving Trustees (effective from April 2021)

Rev'd Andy Percey	-	Chair (Minister/Pastor)
Alison Bull	-	Treasurer
John Bodey	Christopher Buddell	
Isabel Buddell	Deborah Curtis	
Patrica North	Tom Winsborough	

5. Appointment of Trustees

Trustees (excepting Minister, Secretary and Treasurer) are appointed for a term of office lasting three years with the opportunity to serve one further three year term of office if elected. After two terms of office the trustee must take a sabbatical of at least one year. The Minister serves for his/her tenure of office and the Secretary and Treasurer are appointed annually.

6. Staffing

The church supports an accredited Minister of Religion on a full-time basis.

The church also employs a full-time employee on Centre Management and Community Development. This employee has line management responsibility for the Office Administrator (part time), two Caretakers (part time) who live on the premises and for a number of volunteer staff who work in the Café. The Office Administrator's tasks include room lettings and office support duties. At the start of the church year the premises were, as a result of HMG Covid-19 legislation, under partial lockdown.

During this time the church staff (not the Minister) were on part-time furlough due to the lack of work available. Since 1 October all staff have been 'off furlough' and back working their normal hours.

7. Achievements and Performance

Another exceptional year in the life of the church. Up until the end of September, the world-wide Coronavirus pandemic has meant that the active life of the church has been curtailed in one way or another. However, we thank God that, to date, the Church at Manvers Street has lost no-one to Covid-19.

We also thank God that we have been able to meet for Sunday worship and on Wednesdays with social distancing arrangements in place. There have been six Church Members Meetings in the year and seven Trustees (Deacons) Meetings (one on Zoom the rest in-person). The Café at the Centre Resource Group met once during the reporting period.

Reverend Andy Percey completed his seventh year as our minister. Andy's leading of worship is both thoughtful and inspiring and his pastoral gifts are much appreciated in the wider fellowship.

The Café at the Centre has re-opened and the footfall is gradually increasing but it will take some time for many of our former customers to regain the confidence to come along regularly as in previous years. We experimented with opening on Saturdays to supply a service to those in town to attend the local rugby team playing 'up the road'. So far this has not proved a success. The café's primary role is providing a sanctuary in a busy city centre and is an important aspect of the church's-outreach.

The café also provides an ideal base for outreach, where an open invitation can invite togetherness. Examples of weekly gatherings involving the church and wider community are:

Crafty Monday, on a Monday afternoon, is time when "people meet people" in a relaxed atmosphere and explore creativity in a variety of ways.

Baby and Toddlers group meet on Tuesday.

Open Space Post Natal Group

Friday and Saturday nights as a base for Street Pastors

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) operate a debt counselling service from our premises. This complements the work of other charitable organisations based in our facilities. These include:

Julian House Night Shelter and homeless services

Off The Record counselling service for young people - including an 'OK Café' on a Friday evening

CRUSE counselling

Food Bank

Once again, from November through March we made our largest room and kitchen available as a 'safe Sleep' for homeless individuals who would otherwise be sleeping rough over those very cold nights.

Examples of other non-church not-for-profit activities based in or using our premises (in normal times) are:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous
University of the Third Age (U3A)
Workers Education Association
Bath Welcomes Refugees
English Language classes and Homework Club for Teenagers
Bath MIND
Various choirs and study groups

These are slowly re-starting and getting into their normal routine.

The minister spends an afternoon a week at Bath University as part of an ecumenical chaplaincy team, and hopes to explore ways of engaging students more widely in the city with those of older generations, working in partnership with the University and other local churches. He currently visits two local care homes on a monthly basis to lead services for residents. He also leads a group of parents in a monthly study exploring and deepening their Christian faith as many find Sunday mornings hard to engage with because of family situations. Our Centre Manager is engaged in work with Babies & Toddlers, Open the Book at a local primary school, Bath Gateway Out and About Club for vulnerable adults and also in the Café at the Centre.

We continue to give financial support to the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund (£2,400) and Baptist Missionary Society (£2,400). We also gave (£1,456) to the Ukraine Disaster appeal and (£516) to Off The Record.

The church remains in a healthy place in its mission and its worship. There are always challenges with an ageing congregation, especially pastorally, but we have a dedicated and skilled team who support the minister in this ministry.

People are growing in their faith, even in advancing years. The church is good news at the heart of the city centre, being good news to the poor, the lonely, the outsider, the refugee and many others across a wide section of society.

That said, we have taken the very difficult decision that, at the end of their current lease in August 2026, we would not renew the lease for the premises occupied by the Julian House night shelter. The night shelter was an integral part of our development of the premises 30 years ago. In many ways it is disappointing that there continues to be such a need well into this 21st century. It is also fair to say that the facilities available in the current premises are far from ideal and the time is right for Julian House to work with the local authority and other interested parties to provide suitable premises for a permanent homeless and day care facility elsewhere in the city. Given the early notice of this decision there should be time for a satisfactory conclusion and it is gratifying to note that a dialogue has been opened up with the local authority.

We are pleased that our relationships with other churches in the city, as well as other community groups continues to be strong.

Whilst the challenges for next year remain clear, and the future remains uncertain, we can be confident that we can meet these challenges with courage and peace, knowing that we are a strong community, with trust in a faithful God.

8. Financial Review

The approved income and expenditure for the Church and Café Accounts during the reporting period year is appended to this report. This reflects the challenging year which has seen day-to-day rental income consistent with the much reduced room usage and the Café at the Centre operating at a near £16K loss. However, this has been offset by nearly £12K from the Government Job Retention Scheme and £18K for the emergency Safe Sleep arrangements. Offering income has remained steady and the Church has been grateful for the availability of the Government Job Retention Scheme which recompenses employers up to 80% of wages for the hours staff are furloughed.

9. Reserves Policy

The Church policy is to maintain sufficient financial reserves to cover at least six months estimated expenditure.

10. Future Plans

The Charity will:

Seek to maintain a Christian witness in this city centre: offering a safe place for all to meet.

Develop mutual support groups for all members of our fellowship.

Continue the search for an appropriate way in which to administer the charities activities.

Undertake substantial maintenance work on the premises



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Manvers Street Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1127828

Set out on pages

1 to 9

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

KGooding

Date:

27/10/2022

Name:

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Cash Funds	13		71,880		53,198	
			<u>79,509</u>		<u>60,130</u>	
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14		24,186		9,795	
			<u>55,323</u>		<u>50,335</u>	
Assets Retained less Liabilities			<u>2,859,719</u>		<u>2,855,717</u>	
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A.E.Bull

Hon.Treasurer

Date

A.Deacon (Trustee)

Date

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 March 2021

Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary Receipts	62,930	0	0	62,930
Investment Income	2,446	0	0	2,446
Charitable Activities	0	3,273	0	3,273
Other Receipts	69,691	0	0	69,691
Total Receipts	135,067	3,273	0	138,340
Payments				
Charitable Activities	157,310	3,273	0	160,583
Total Payments	157,310	3,273	0	160,583
Net of receipts/payments	(22,243)	0	0	(22,243)
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets	0	0	0	0
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated	(600)	0	600	0
Cash Funds this Year End	(22,843)	0	600	(22,243)
Total Cash Funds brought forward	114,635	2,709,925	26,400	2,850,960
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Manvers Street Baptist Church

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Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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2 Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2022	2021
Offerings	51,409			51,409	51,971
Tax Refunds	10,190			10,190	10,959
Legacies	25			25	0
	61,624	0	0	61,624	62,930

3 Investment Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2022	2021
Bank Interest	2,268			2,268	2,446
Other Investments				0	0
	2,268	0	0	2,268	2,446

4 Receipts from Charitable Activities

				2022	2021
Outreach Fund Raising				0	0
Open Space		565		565	3,273
raised for other Causes	952			952	0
	952	565	0	1,517	3,273

5 Other Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2022	2021
Car Park	4,972			4,972	6,608
Room Lettings/OTR	79,895			79,895	55,427
Café @ the Centre	24,302			24,302	3,496
Sundry Income	12,311			12,311	4,160
	121,480	0	0	121,480	69,691

6 Costs of Generating Activities Voluntary Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2022	2021
Café @ the Centre	41,768			41,768	30,101
Administration	19,022			19,022	20,509
Maintenance	54,096			54,096	34,853
Ministry	60,604			60,604	57,927
Mission (Grants Payable)	4,800			4,800	13,320
Raised for other Causes	1,972			1,972	0
Open Space (Grants payable)		565		565	3,273
	182,262	565	0	182,827	159,983

7 Governance Costs	(Costs of managing the charity)			2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated		
Independent Examination	660			660	600
Legal Costs				0	0
Other					
	660	0	0	660	600

8 Grants Payable	(See note 6)			2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated		
BUGB Home Mission	2,400			2,400	7,200
BMS World Mission	2,400			2,400	5,520
Other Charitable Giving	0			0	600
Raised for other causes	1,972			1,972	0
Outreach Fund Raising				0	0
	6,772	0	0	6,772	13,320

Grants made to individuals

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Grants made to institutions

If the charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grant making please give details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution listed. Sufficient information should be given to provide a reasonable understanding of the range of institutions supported.

Names of Institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
BMS World Mission	Christian world Mission	2,400
Home Mission	Christian Mission at Home	2,400
DEC Disasters Emergency Committee	Ukraine Appeal	1,456
Off The Record	Help for young people with mental health issues	516
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions		6,772

9 Staff Costs

	2022	2021
Gross Salaries	78,548	77,180
Social Security Costs	1,919	1,749
Pension Costs (See note 18)	11,260	9,978
Other Costs		
	91,727	88,907

The average number of employees during the year was:-

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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year (2021 none)

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees (2021 none)

Manvers Street Baptist Church

10 Assets retained for the Charity's own Use

	Church Property	Furniture & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost				
1st April' 2021	2,706,980	437,132	8,101	3,152,213
Additions				0
Revaluations				0
Disposals				0
31st March' 2022	2,706,980	437,132	8,101	3,152,213
Depreciation				
1st April' 2021		339,236	7,595	346,831
Charge for the year		986		986
On Disposals				0
31st March' 2021	0	340,222	7,595	347,817
Net Book Value				
1st April' 2021	2,706,980	97,896	506	2,805,382
31st March' 2022	2,706,980	96,910	506	2,804,396

All the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes

11 Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Fixed Assets

At 31st March 2022 the following properties were held as long term investments:-

	2022	2021
Church Premises	2,280,000	2,280,000
25, Castle Gardens, Bath	426,980	426,980
Total	<u>2,706,980</u>	<u>2,706,980</u>

12 Debtors

	2022	2021
Prepayments	6,348	6,107
Café Floats	1,281	825
	<u>7,629</u>	<u>6,932</u>

13 Banks and Cash

	2022	2021
Lloyds Bank plc	43,601	27,054
Baptist Union Corporation	10,534	10,512
WEBA Trust Account	17,507	15,304
Petty Cash	238	328
	<u>71,880</u>	<u>53,198</u>

Manvers Street Baptist Church

**14 Creditors: Amounts
falling due within one year**

	2022	2021
Trust Funds	1,039	234
Deferred Income	9,220	5,965
Accruals	11,213	1,096
Other Creditors	2,714	2,500
	<u>24,186</u>	<u>9,795</u>

15 Restricted Funds

	1st April 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2022
Open Space (Greens Teams)	2,945	565	565	1,906	1,039
Church and gardens	2,706,980			0	2,706,980
	<u>2,709,925</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>1,906</u>	<u>2,708,019</u>

	1st April 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2021
Open Space (Greens Teams)	2,945	3,273	3,273	0	2,945
Church and gardens	2,706,980			0	2,706,980
	<u>2,709,925</u>	<u>3,273</u>	<u>3,273</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,709,925</u>

16 Designated Funds

	1st April 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2022
Repairs Fund	27,000			600	27,600
General Maint.	0			0	0
	<u>27,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>27,600</u>

	1st April 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2021
Repairs Fund	26,400			600	27,000
General Maint.	0				0
	<u>26,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>27,000</u>

The repairs fund represents sums set aside for the long term maintenance of the church buildings

17 Analysis of Net Assets

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	Total
Restricted Funds	2,706,980		1,039	2,708,019
Designated Funds			27,600	27,600
Unrestricted Funds	97,416		(916)	96,500
	<u>2,804,396</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,723</u>	<u>2,832,119</u>

18 Pensions

The total pension cost for the Church for the year was £11,260 (2021 £10,519)

19 Related Charities

The custodian Trustee of the church is the West of England Baptist Association which is charity number 1092443, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The church made a donation to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme as set out in note 8

MANVERS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BATH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127828

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Manvers Street Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2021

Charity no
(if any) 112078

Set out on pages

1 to 9

sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: *Katy Gooding*

Date: 01/12/2021

Name: Katy Gooding

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCA

(if any):

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Address:

Gooding Accounts

24 Warminster Road

Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 3PE

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Manvers Street Baptist Church
Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Designated £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts						
Voluntary Receipts	2	62,930	0	0	62,930	63,145
Investment Income	3	2,446	0	0	2,446	3,181
Charitable Activities	4	0	3,273	0	3,273	7,980
Other Receipts	5	69,691	0	0	69,691	153,132
Total Receipts		135,067	3,273	0	138,340	227,438
Payments						
Charitable Activities	6 & 7	157,310	3,273	0	160,583	213,965
Total Payments		157,310	3,273	0	160,583	213,965
Net of receipts/payments		(22,243)	0	0	(22,243)	13,473
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets	11	0	0	0	0	0
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated		(600)		600	0	0
Cash Funds this Year End		(22,843)	0	600	(22,243)	13,473
Total Cash Funds brought forward		114,635	2,709,925	26,400	2,850,960	2,837,487
Total Cash Funds carried forward		91,792	2,709,925	27,000	2,828,717	2,850,960

**Manvers Street Baptist Church
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	£	2021	£	2020	£
Assets retained for the Charity's own Use	10			2,805,382		2,807,698
Cash Funds						
Debtors	12		6,932		7,461	
Cash Funds	13		53,198		83,996	
			<u>60,130</u>		<u>91,457</u>	
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14		9,795		21,795	
			<u>50,335</u>		<u>69,662</u>	
Assets Retained less Liabilities			<u>2,855,717</u>		<u>2,877,360</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			27,000		26,400	
Net Assets			<u>2,828,717</u>		<u>2,850,960</u>	
Charitable Funds						
Restricted	15		2,709,925		2,709,925	
Designated	16		27,000		26,400	
Unrestricted	17		<u>91,792</u>		<u>114,635</u>	
			<u>2,828,717</u>	0	<u>2,850,960</u>	

Note The MSBC have two Amounts held with WEBA Trust fund £10k & £70K
The notes on pages 5 to 9 form an integral part of these accounts

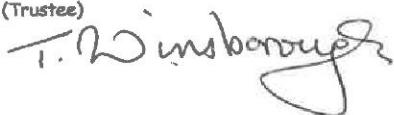
These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

A.E.Bull
Hon. Treasurer



Date 12.12.21

A. Deacon (Trustee)



Date 12.12.21

Manvers Street Baptist Church
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
Year Ended 31 March 2020

Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Voluntary Receipts	63,145	0	0	63,145
Investment Income	3,181	0	0	3,181
Charitable Activities	0	7,980	0	7,980
Other Receipts	153,132	0	0	153,132
Total Receipts	219,458	7,980	0	227,438
Payments				
Charitable Activities	205,985	7,980	0	213,965
Total Payments	205,985	7,980	0	213,965
Net of receipts/payments	13,473	0	0	13,473
Gains and Losses on revaluation of fixed assets	0	0	0	0
Trf of funds from unrestricted to restricted and designated	(2,039)	1,439	600	0
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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2021	2020
Offerings	51,971			51,971	51,639
Tax Refunds	10,959			10,959	11,506
Legacies	0			0	0
	62,930	0	0	62,930	63,145

3 Investment Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2021	2020
Bank Interest	2,446			2,446	3,181
Other Investments				0	0
	2,446	0	0	2,446	3,181

4 Receipts from Charitable Activities

			2021	2020
Outreach Fund Raising			0	0
Open Space		3,273	3,273	5,460
raised for other Causes			0	2,520
	0	3,273	3,273	7,980

5 Other Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2021	2020
Car Park	6,608			6,608	6,789
Room Lettings/OTR	55,427			55,427	90,265
Café @ the Centre	3,496			3,496	51,661
Sundry Income	4,160			4,160	4,417
	69,691	0	0	69,691	153,132

6 Costs of Generating Activities Voluntary Receipts

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	2021	2020
Café @ the Centre	30,101			30,101	54,275
Administration	20,509			20,509	19,694
Maintenance	34,853			34,853	57,626
Ministry	57,927			57,927	60,070
Mission (Grants Payable)	13,320			13,320	13,720
Raised for other Causes (Young Carers)				0	2,520
Open Space (Grants payable)		3,273		3,273	5,460
	156,710	3,273	0	159,983	213,365

Manvers Street Baptist Church

7 Governance Costs	(Costs of managing the charity)			2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated		
Independent Examination	600			600	600
Legal Costs				0	0
Other					
	600	0	0	600	600

8 Grants Payable	(See note 6)			2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated		
BUGB Home Mission	7,200			7,200	7,200
BMS World Mission	5,520			5,520	5,520
Other Charitable Giving	600			600	1,000
Raised for other causes				0	1,313
Outreach Fund Raising				0	5,460
	13,320	0	0	13,320	20,493

Grants made to individuals

3,873

Grants made to institutions

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Names of institutions	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
BMS World Mission	Christian world Mission	5,520
Home Mission	Christian Mission at Home	7,200
		-
		-
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions		12,720

9 Staff Costs	2021	2020
Gross Salaries	77,180	59,664
Social Security Costs	1,749	2,592
Pension Costs (See note 18)	9,978	10,519
Other Costs		
	88,907	72,775

The average number of employees during the year was:-

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No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees (2020 none)

Manvers Street Baptist Church

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	Church Property	Furniture & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost				
1st April'2020	2,706,980	437,132	8,101	3,152,213
Additions				0
Revaluations				0
Disposals				0
31st March' 2021	2,706,980	437,132	8,101	3,152,213
Depreciation				
1st April' 2020		336,920	7,595	344,515
Charge for the year		2,316		2,316
On Disposals				0
31st March' 2021	0	339,236	7,595	346,831
Net Book Value				
1st April' 2020	2,706,980	100,212	506	2,807,698
31st March' 2021	2,706,980	97,896	506	2,805,382

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11 Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Fixed Assets

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Total	<u>2,706,980</u>	<u>2,706,980</u>

12 Debtors

	2021	2020
Prepayments	6,107	6,111
Café Floats	825	1,350
	<u>6,932</u>	<u>7,461</u>

13 Banks and Cash

	2021	2020
Lloyds Bank plc	27,054	60,247
Baptist Union Corporation	10,512	10,477
WEBA Trust Account	15,304	12,946
Petty Cash	328	326
	<u>53,198</u>	<u>83,996</u>

Manvers Street Baptist Church

**14 Creditors: Amounts
falling due within one year**

	2021	2020
Trust Funds	234	1,439
Deferred Income	5,965	9,490
Accruals	1,096	5,450
Other Creditors	2,500	5,416
	<u>9,795</u>	<u>21,795</u>

15 Restricted Funds

	1st April 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2021
Open Space (Greens Teams)	2,945	3,273	3,273	0	2,945
raised for other ` Causes (Young Carers)	0	0	0	0	0
Outreach fundraising	0	0	0	0	0
Café @ centre	0	0	0	0	0
Church and gardens	2,706,980			0	2,706,980
	<u>2,709,925</u>	<u>3,273</u>	<u>3,273</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,709,925</u>
	1st April 2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2020
Open Space (Greens Teams)	1,444	5,460	5,460	(1,501)	2,945
raised for other ` Causes (Young Carers)	62	2,520	2,520	62	0
Outreach fundraising	0				0
Café @ centre	0				0
Church and gardens	2,706,980				2,706,980
	<u>2,708,486</u>	<u>7,980</u>	<u>7,980</u>	<u>(1,439)</u>	<u>2,709,925</u>

16 Designated Funds

	1st April 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2021
Quin.Maint.	0			0	0
Repairs Fund	26,400			600	27,000
General Maint.	0			0	0
	<u>26,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>27,000</u>
	1st April 2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31st March 2020
Quin.Maint.	0				0
Repairs Fund	25,800			600	26,400
General Maint.	0				0
	<u>25,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>26,400</u>

The repairs fund represents sums set aside for the long term maintenance of the church buildings

17 Analysis of Net Assets

	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	Total
Restricted Funds	2,706,980		2,945	2,709,925
Designated Funds			27,000	27,000
Unrestricted Funds	98,402		(6,610)	91,792
	<u>2,805,382</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,335</u>	<u>2,828,717</u>

18 Pensions

The total pension cost for the Church for the year was £10,519 (2020 £10,519)

19 Related Charities

The custodian Trustee of the church is the West of England Baptist Association which is charity number 1092443, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The church made a donation to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme as set out in note 8

MANVERS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BATH

Trustee Report for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2021

1. Constitution

Manvers Street Baptist Church (MSBC) approved a Revised Constitution at a Special Church Members Meeting on 9 November 2008 and was adopted as a registered Charity on 2 February 2009 (Charity No.1127828).

2. Organisation

MSBC moved to its current site 1872 but its origins date from 1752 with a Baptist community worshipping in the city centre. MSBC is understood to mean the members of the charitable unincorporated association governed by its current constitution and Trust Deed. The members appoint a Board of Trustees (also known as Deacons) who are responsible for the governance of the church as discerned by the Members Meeting. The Church is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the West of England Baptist Association, who administer the Trust Deed.

3. Objectives of the Charity

The principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination, with special emphasis to the city centre environment. The church may also advance Christian Teaching and carry out other charitable purposes at home and abroad.

4. Serving Trustees

Serving Trustees (effective from April 2020)

Rev'd Andy Percey	-	Chair (Minister/Pastor)
Alison Bull	-	Treasurer
John Bodey	Christopher Buddell	
Isabel Buddell	Deborah Curtis	
Terry Gale	Valerie Gale	
Patrica North	Tom Winsborough	

5. Appointment of Trustees

Trustees (excepting Minister, Secretary and Treasurer) are appointed for a term of office lasting three years with the opportunity to serve one further three year term of office if elected. After two terms of office the trustee must take a sabbatical of at least one year.

The Minister serves for his/her tenure of office and the Secretary and Treasurer are appointed annually.

6. Staffing

The church supports an accredited Minister of Religion on a full-time basis.

The church currently employs one full-time employee on Centre Management and Community Development. This employee has line management responsibility for the Office Administrator (part time), two Caretakers (part time) who live above the premises and for a number of volunteer staff who work in the Café. The Office Administrator's tasks include room lettings and office support duties. During the most recent lockdown, the church found it necessary to place the church staff (not the

Minister) on part-time furlough due to the lack of work available. This temporary measure is reviewed on a monthly basis but is likely to remain in place until the premises re-open.

7. Achievements and Performance

This has been an exceptional year in the life of the church. The world-wide Coronavirus pandemic has meant that the active life of the church has been curtailed as a result of social distancing measures introduced by HM Government to mitigate the spread of the Covid-19. The social distancing measures have been relaxed and reinforced at different times by HM Government depending on the infection rate across the population and the effect this was having on NHS resources. To put this in context, as at the end of March 2021, in the UK 4.3 million people have tested positive for Covid-19 with 126,713 deaths from any cause within 28 days of a positive test. Globally, 129 million have been infected and 2.8 million have died. We thank God that, to date, the Church at Manvers Street has lost no-one to Covid-19.

Social distancing, including full lockdown at times, has meant that the fellowship has not met in-person for Sunday worship in this past year. For a short period (between lockdowns) we were able to meet in person socially distanced and without communal singing, at the church midweek. We have had to develop new ways of gathering for worship and fellowship through the facility of the WorldWide Web and these have been most appreciated. They include a midweek Zoom chat (), the Sunday Service on-line (), a 'Thought For The Week (). Off-line we have reintroduced a weekly Bible Study and set up arrangements for the Trustees/Deacons to maintain contact with members. Like the rest of the population, we look forward to a time, in the not too distant future, when we can meet together in person for worship and fellowship.

There have only been 2 Church Members Meetings in the year (one in-person at church and one on Zoom). There have been 11 Trustees (Deacons) Meetings (one in-person at church and ten on Zoom). There have been no Café at the Centre Meetings during the reporting period.

Reverend Andy Percey completed his sixth year as our minister. Andy's leading of worship is both thoughtful and inspiring and his pastoral gifts are much appreciated in the wider fellowship.

Under the social distancing measures the premises (known collectively as the Open House Centre) have been virtually closed for the entire year with the only use of the premises being by self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Café at the Centre has been closed for all of the year except for a short period between lockdowns when a very limited service was possible. This involved additional expense to introduce physical measures to protect staff and customers and the footfall was insufficient to cover the cost. Nevertheless we believe this was a useful service and we look forward to a time when it will be business as usual. The café's primary role is providing a sanctuary in a busy city centre and is an important aspect of the charity's outreach.

In normal times, the cafe provides an ideal base for outreach, where an open invitation can invite togetherness. Examples of weekly gatherings involving the church and wider community are:

Crafty Monday, on a Monday afternoon, is time when "people meet people" in a relaxed atmosphere and explore creativity in a variety of ways.

Baby and Toddlers group meet on Tuesday.

Thursday People meet on a Thursday morning to chat and play board games:

Open Space Post Natal Group

Friday night short mat bowls

Friday and Saturday nights as a base for Street Pastors

Again in normal times , Christians Against Poverty (CAP) operate a debt counselling service from our premises. This complements the work of other charitable organisations based in our facilities. These include:

Julian House Night Shelter for the homeless
Off The Record counselling service for young people
CRUSE counselling
Food Bank

Examples of non-church not-for-profit activities based in or using our premises (in normal times) are:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous
University of the Third Age (U3A)
Workers Education Association
Bath Welcomes Refugees and Syrian Women's group
Various choirs and study groups

We continue to give financial support to the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund (£7,200) and Baptist Missionary Society (£5,520).

Whilst the challenges for next year remain clear, and the future remains uncertain, we can be confident that we can meet these challenges with courage and peace, knowing that we are a strong community, with trust in a faithful God.

8. Financial Review

The approved (income and expenditure) for the Church and Café Accounts during the reporting period year is appended to this report. This reflects the challenging year which has seen rental income drop by £34,838 and the Café at the Centre operating at a £26,605 loss. In overall terms the church incurred a deficit of £22,243 in the financial year. Offering income has remained steady and the Church has been grateful for the availability of the Government Job Retention Scheme which recompenses employers up to 80% of wages for the hours staff are furloughed.

9. Reserves Policy

The Church policy is to maintain sufficient financial reserves to cover at least six months estimated expenditure. Clearly, with an in-year deficit of £22,243 our Reserves have fallen considerably and will continue to fall until such time as the Open House Centre and the Café at the Centre are operating as normal and the footfall is back to pre-pandemic levels. We have faith that our Reserves will be sufficient to meet our needs until that time. We will then need to build them up again to our preferred level.

10. Future Plans

The Charity will:

Seek to maintain a Christian witness in this city centre: offering a safe place for all to meet.

Continue the search for an appropriate way in which to administer the charities activities.

Undertake substantial maintenance work on the premises