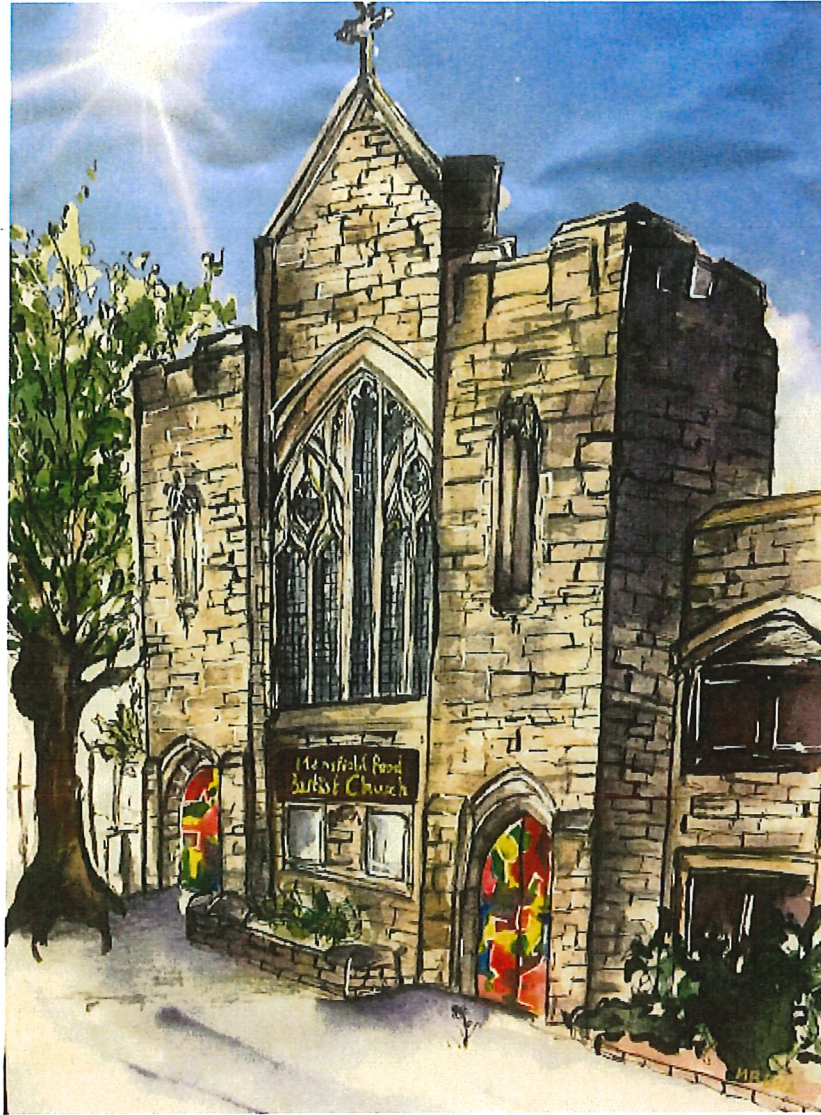




Mansfield Road Baptist Church

ANNUAL REPORT

January – December 2023

Mansfield Road Baptist Church

Charity Number: 1128270

Registered Address: Gregory Boulevard/Sherwood Rise, Nottingham NG7 6JN

Email: admin@mrbc.org.uk

Website: www.mrbc.org.uk

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Trustees

Revd Andy Wilson (Resigned)	Mrs Jean Taylor – Secretary
Mr Alan Joddrell – Treasurer	Mr Richard Bennett – PFA
Mrs Diana Palmer-Fritz	Mrs Hazel O'Connor
Mrs Jenny Saunders	Mrs Neelam Sidhu
Mrs Diane Trusson	Mr Haroon Azam
Mr Sarbjit Gill	Mr David Mangan
Mr Kunal Hirani	

Property Trustees: The East Midland Baptist Trust Company Ltd

Registered Address of Property Trustees: Baptist House, PO Box 44, 129 Broadway, Didcot
Oxon, OX11 3GA

Bankers: HSBC Bank, 26 Clumber Street, Nottingham, NG1 3GA

Independent Examiner: Mrs Alison Thomas, Treasurer of Thomas Helwys Baptist Church

Charitable Objectives

The charity is governed by a constitution which states that its principal purpose is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the church shall determine. The church occupies premises which are held by the East Midland Baptist Trust Company Ltd, in trust which is entirely compatible with the above objective.

Organisational Structure and Decision-making Processes

Members of the church are accepted in accordance with the constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on their profession of faith in Jesus Christ or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members' meeting normally takes place 6 times per year and has responsibility for the overall policies of the church. In accordance with the constitution, the members appoint up to twelve trustees, who together with the minister, church secretary, treasurer and property, finance administration (PFA) officer, also appointed by the members, and collectively known as the diaconate, meet monthly and are responsible for the day to day running of the church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity.

All the members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. Relevant matters may be submitted to the church meeting by the trustees for guidance or may be raised by members in church meeting for further consideration by the trustees. Though the constitution permits decisions to be made at church meeting by appropriate majorities, the church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

Membership

During the year to 31st December 2023 two people were publicly baptised in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

The church now has a membership of 135, and a larger congregation of non-members, approximately 60% of whom are female. We are also blessed, with 25 to 30 children and young people attending church each Sunday.

The fellowship is a warm, friendly, faith-filled and committed group of believers. Our mission statement, "Love Jesus, Love Others, Make Disciples", underpins our outlook and time together. Currently pastoral care within the fellowship is an informal network supported by a prayer chain for people with specific needs. The fellowship and the wider community have varying access to IT and so the church communicates through our website, a monthly church magazine and a dedicated WhatsApp group.

Trustees' Report

Mansfield Road Baptist Church is in a period of transition. Consequently, this year has been a time of both reflection and looking forward, a time for discerning God's plan for us as a church and as individuals. Although this process has created many challenges we put our faith in God, his active love, faithfulness, and mercy towards us.

It was with some sadness that the church was informed in June that our minister would be stepping down from his role. We formally recognised and thanked both Andy and Mary for their work with a special service in July. The service was an emotional occasion, but was a fitting tribute to the patient, humble and loving work that Andy and Mary had carried out within the church and the wider community.

The church continued God's work in Sunday Services, the Renew Café, Toddler, Youth, and Men's Groups and through the Shalom Fellowship. The church maintained its support for families by providing funeral and wedding services. Deacon's meetings focussed on planning for the future. Church meetings, now held after a morning service, allowed the wider membership to be kept up to date with developments and take part in decision making. People were also kept informed via the church magazine and website. We continued to receive support from our regional minister Rev Mike Fegredo and Rev David Pile our moderator.

As part of the church's planning and the need to search for a new minister two "vision days" were held on Saturday mornings in September and October. Mike Fegredo facilitated prayer and outlined the process of seeking a new minister. The congregation was given a questionnaire at the end of October to add to this process. In total over one hundred people were actively involved in discerning God's vision for the church, the minister we feel we need and what would be needed from the church community. By the end of the year a church profile had been created.

Several organisations attended the fellowship to provide people with the opportunity to receive information on their work. In addition, the church provided financial support to several charities.

At the end of the year our organist, Tony Peace, told the church that he was standing down from that role. We thank Tony for his service over many years and thanks are also due to the church members, trustees, the church administrator, and the newly appointed cleaner for continuing God's work within our community and beyond.

We give God thanks as he continues to build our community.

MANSFIELD ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
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The notes form an integral part of this financial statement.

Approved by the Trustees of Mansfield Road Baptist Church on

23 March 2024, and signed on their behalf by A Joddrell, Treasurer,

and Jean Taylor, Secretary

J.E. Taylor

A. Joddrell

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Signed



Dated: 29th February 2024.

Mrs Alison Thomas
Thomas Helwys Baptist Church

Review of Financial Position 2023

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis. In 2023 the church continued to recover from the pandemic. Church income benefitted from the hiring out of rooms again together with an increased number of funerals. Income from the hiring out of rooms is still nothing like pre-pandemic levels but increased in 2023. The combined income from room-hire (including church house rent) and funerals was £10K more than in 2022. So, although freewill offerings reduced significantly, this was largely offset by the increase in income from room hire and funerals.

Andy, our minister, continued to be signed off as sick throughout 2023. From February his stipend and pension were paid from a BU insurance policy. This income is included under grants received. The church continued to pay manse rent and council tax until August a year on from Andy's first signing off.

More improvements to the church building were carried out in 2023. These included new carpets in the minister's office and adjoining meeting room. The main property expenses were for electricity and insurance. These amounts are highlighted in the monthly analysis for deacons and the church meeting.

Total income for the year, including Deposit Account interest of £1,436 was £133,770 an increase of £9.5K compared with 2022. Agreed expenditure was £118,431 giving a surplus of £15,339 which was added to the church's reserves. The church had agreed a deficit budget for 2023.

The charity operates a general reserve policy that states reserves should not be less than six months of the annual costs of running and maintaining the charity. At the close of 2023 the church's deposits totalled £110,000 compared with £87,000 in 2022.

The current account is maintained at a level to meet short term cash flow. All other funds are invested in BU deposit accounts- £50,000 in a 7-day notice account which adds interest quarterly and £60,000 in a 1- year fixed account which adds interest on maturity in March 2024. The 2023 accounts only show interest added by December 2023.

The church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme and which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The minister is a member of this scheme, and current pension provision is being made through the Defined Contribution Plan within the Scheme. Members pay 8% of pensionable income and the employer pays 10%. Most of the church's contribution was covered by the insurance policy.

In 2023 voluntary giving was further reduced. Some members who paid by direct debit have died. Others have been forced by circumstances to reduce the amount given each month. The number of members using weekly envelopes for their offering has also reduced. Occasional giving, however, has increased helping to reduce losses. Links with the Shalom Fellowship continue to thrive and bear fruit. The reliance on an aging membership continues but is less

pronounced and other sources of income slowly continue to recover as church and community activities increase.

From August 2022 our minister has been on sick leave. The church is now in a pastoral vacancy actively seeking a new minister.

Alan Joddrell 28 March 2024

Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective of the church, which is set out above, the church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and witness of the church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship.

Church Services

Church services take place on Sundays commencing at 10.30am with between 70 and 120 people attending. Services normally last for around 75 to 85 minutes. The church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community, and everybody is free to attend any of these services and events regardless of ethnicity, background or lifestyle.

Our worship is predominantly contemporary with some traditional songs led by a small group of musicians or the use of recorded music and videos which create an informal and relaxed atmosphere. There are age-appropriate children and youth activities supported by volunteers. Children leave the service and go to their classes after around 10 minutes of the start of worship.

There is a group within the congregation who form the "Shalom Fellowship" who hold separate services on the first Sunday afternoon of each month.

Our services strengthen the bonds between us, and also provide many opportunities to reach out to others who visit. Our main service of worship on a Sunday morning has an attendance that continues to grow. Many people are involved in the preparation of each service: The minister plans the preaching themes; others lead prayers and contribute readings.

The church is decorated with flowers by volunteers. Volunteers prepare and serve communion and also prepare and serve tea and coffee at the end of the service.

The youth group and junior church have also led services which have been both thought provoking and full of energy and hope for the future.

Youth Group Report

The Mansfield Road Baptist Church youth group meets every Sunday morning during the church service. There are 25 young persons on the roll, but this varies each week with an average of 15 to 20 persons attending. The age range is from 13 years old to 21 years old and there's a mixture of boys and girls from different backgrounds.

Discussions and activities are approached from different perspectives but sharing the same purpose and goals. This group works together as a team and everyone gets involved. The youth group led youth services on Mothering Sunday and the Christmas nativity service, where they teamed up with the younger children to make it a family service. Every young person matters.

We celebrate special days such as birthdays, Easter and Christmas. Each child is acknowledged with a gift on their birthday week on the Sunday. At Easter they receive chocolate Easter eggs and at Christmas after the youth service there was a Christmas dinner for each child and their families and each young person received a gift.

We've had guest speakers from the ambulance service demonstrating emergency care such as CPR and choking. We've had a police officer showing what the uniform looks like and encouraging them that the police are their friends. They spoke about drug use and how they affect and the effects they have on young people. It was also highlighted how school children are used to traffic and deal with drugs.

Summer outings are the biggest attractions. We went to Mablethorpe last year. It was the wettest day, but we had fun playing team bowling and other inside games. This year the youth group did special cards and cocktail doilies for international nurse's day and gave them to the nurses at the city hospital.

As a group we have grown spiritually and ask for your continued prayers and support. We are blessed and honoured to be a part of the Mansfield Road Baptist Church. Thank you and God bless.

Young Disciples

We currently have between 8 and 12 children each week regularly attending as well as visiting children from time to time. This is an increase on last year. We spend each week sharing our news, a bible story and activities to help to explore the theme using the Roots resources.

The children particularly enjoy the games and the craft activities and show a good understanding of the bible stories. We took part in the youth services at Christmas reprising the nativity story 'Jesus' birthday party' and the Mother's Day service. Our young disciples have grown in confidence this year with many of them very keen to read in church.

We are always looking for new volunteers and anyone who would be happy to lead a session or two each term. Materials are provided to help plan the sessions. Please speak to Jenny Saunders if you are interested in supporting this thriving ministry. It is a pleasure to work with such a lovely group of children and we are thankful for the continued support from our current volunteers.

Toddler Group

The toddler group provides a safe, caring and welcoming environment where parents, grandparents and other carers and their toddlers can begin to experience the love and reality of Jesus Christ.

The toddler group also aims to support individuals and provide opportunities for people to volunteer and build community.

The toddler group meets on a Monday morning and has between 18 and 20 children in attendance, plus 8 to 10 adults accompanying them. The group is staffed by six volunteers.

The children enjoy light refreshments prepared by the volunteers, and there is time to play with the many different toys donated by the community, and a singing time by the piano. A donation is given for refreshments and for entrance.

We had an annual Christmas celebration with a party, food and face painting.

A Community Engagement Project Manager for Read on Nottingham, part of the National Literacy, attended one of the toddler sessions to deliver a story telling and singing session. Families received an Early Years flyer that contained tips and advice on early speech and language ideas they could try at home and a free book.

Men's Group

The men's group normally meet fortnightly. Bible reading and prayer is our guiding principle. We share stories, play dominoes and other board games. We also plan outings to the seaside annually.

Since our last Christmas meal together December 2022, the numbers have fallen.

The Covid lockdown is partly to blame, and a number of our members are too old to attend, and some have passed away whilst others are too ill. However, we do meet in fellowship for our fortnightly get together.

Most recently, we have joined in with the Thursday Renew Café, in order to share fellowship together. We have learned a new game, a different type of dominoes called tri-ominos. Playing this game requires deep concentration and focus.

Funeral Ministry

Mansfield Road Baptist Church has an extensive funeral ministry, supporting the local community in the provision of premises for funerals and assisting with the provision of a service with a minister, an organist and overheads as required. Funerals can have huge attendances and can be similar to the managing of a large public event, with sometimes over 500 people attending. Often the main hall has to be utilized to facilitate the overspill from the Sanctuary. It is undoubtedly the church's highest profile ministry and one for which it is well known.

We work closely with the funeral directors, ministers, musicians, and families daily to ensure that we deliver the best service for the family at a very difficult time for them.

Mansfield Road Baptist Church has become a prominent fixture for funerals especially in the local African Caribbean community and has now become a part of many people's family heritage and a tradition to ensure family services take place here.

In assisting with the preparation of services, the church offers emotional support to families as well practical advice and guidance as required for the preparation of the day.

It takes considerable sensitivity when dealing with funeral arrangements, as friends and family members are emotional and grieving. At times, there is also a need to help to ease family disputes, and to provide guidance with tributes.

It is satisfying to know that the funeral ministry reaches out to a mass of people and creates an opportunity to share the word of God, evangelising to people who would not usually attend a church service.

In 2023 fifty-two funerals took place at Mansfield Road Baptist Church.

Weddings & Vow Renewals

During 2023, we had the pleasure of facilitating three weddings and two vow renewals.

Renew Café

The Renew Café at MRBC was set up in September 2022. It is one of around 250 Renew Wellbeing spaces around the UK. We are open every Thursday between 1.30 and 4pm, and anyone is welcome to come along. Everyone who comes, whether they are part of the MRBC church family or from the wider community, is assured of a warm welcome and a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. People have the chance to do a craft or a jigsaw, play a game or just chat or sit quietly.

There are several volunteers who take turns to go along to set up, to welcome visitors, and to lead prayers before the café opens and at the end of the session. Our ethos is that volunteers and visitors share the space, so we serve each other. Everyone at the café is invited to join the quiet prayer time at the end of the afternoon to reflect on their day. People do not have to join in, but they generally do.

We have been blessed with seeing many new faces over the months, as well as occasionally being joined by the men's group.

Just before Christmas 2023 Jenny Saunders arranged for pupils from a local school to join us in our activities and to sing carols which everyone enjoyed. We have had craft sessions to make cards and decorations in preparation for Christmas and Easter.

We have also been visited by social prescribing link workers. They are based in GP practices in the local area, and their role is to signpost patients to sources of social support. As well as telling us about their roles, the social prescribing link workers wanted to see what we can

offer. As they seemed to enjoy their time with us, we are hoping that they will feel confident in directing people to the Renew café.

Overall, the Renew café has become a place to welcome friends old and new, and to share the love of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

Outreach and Support

Nationally we support Baptist Home Mission and Christian Aid week. We are affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain

Regular giving BMS World Mission	£4,900
Home Mission	£4,900
Basford Road church (re moderator)	£500
Operation Agri Harvest appeal	£277
Framework	£80
Other charitable support	£1,743

One-off gifts are mostly individual gifts via church giving rounded up by the church. The church matched individual giving.

Shalom Fellowship

We are Shalom Fellowship. On the first Sunday of every month 5-6 families gather to join in fellowship and worship together. There are also guests coming frequently to learn and grow with us in faith and we all contribute together to make them feel well and supported.

We have refreshments after the service where we gather and spend time with each other. For anyone who doesn't have a church to go to, ours is open and welcomes all with open arms. Shalom has encouraged 2 people to attend the services who were not Christian and now they are always happy to come to church and learn about God.

Our whole youth are Asian Christians and we try and connect with all our community as much as possible to make all feel welcome and appreciated. Our youth also do a service fully led by them every few weeks which ensures participation amongst themselves. This includes preaching, singing songs and doing the prayers. Most of our group are members of Mansfield Road Baptist Church.

Buildings

Our church building constructed in 1912 is a very old and large structure that requires extra and regular maintenance.

The church has a large sanctuary that can seat up to 400 people, a hall that can seat up to 100 people and is used for large meetings, communal meals and the serving of

refreshments. It is also used to house the toddler group on Mondays and accommodate spill over from large attendance at funerals.

There are also an extensive suite of rooms providing spaces that can accommodate a wide range of activities, for example, youth group and young disciples meeting space on Sundays. They are also used as community spaces for meetings and other activities.

There have been considerable developments to the church estate in the last few years. A new all electric heating system has been installed. A new energy efficient lighting system has been completed and the roof of the building has been repaired. However, as an old building, the church roof is constantly having to be repaired.

There is a new alarm and CCTV system and panic button installed for the protection of church users, staff and volunteers.

A house owned by the church situated on site has been renovated and its rental provides significant income for the church.



The Welcome Hall

Recently refurbished to a high standard, it is most welcoming and accommodating for our members and all who use our church building.

Other services

Our church building provides valuable accommodation for a number of other activities throughout the year including:

- Karate classes for young people of Afghanistan heritage.
- Annual goose fair exhibition
- Host Thomas Helwys Baptist church away day
- Host Women's Day of Prayer
- Host Forward faith ministries, days of prayers
- Host Windrush day of service

Thank yous

We want to sing praises to our God, and to give Him thanks and praise for his mercies, in helping us to grow spiritually in service, to His Holy name, at a most difficult time in the life of our church.

We wish to thank all of the people, organisations and funders that we have worked with and who have contributed to a mostly successful 2023.

- Volunteers and staff who played a pivotal role in the life of the church.
- Funeral Directors: Co-op, Lymns, Crawleys, Nottingham Funeral Services and Baggleys for their role in helping to coordinate funerals and acting as go between for the bereaved families and ourselves.
- Nottingham Health Association for giving us talks on health issues
- Special thank you to the East Midlands Baptist Association for their generosity in allowing Mike Fegredo to give us both physical and spiritual guidance during these most difficult times. We are most grateful.
- Special thanks also go out to Basford Road Baptist Church for lending us their minister to volunteer as our moderator and to provide spiritual guidance whilst we are without a minister and seeking to appoint one. We are most grateful.
- Thank you to Jessie Spencer Trust for the one thousand pounds (£1000) grant towards upgrading our toilets.
- A very special thank you to all our church members and well-wishers for their generous monetary contributions, towards the upkeep of our church ministries.



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Bank interest		1,436	3,727
Other Income	2	36,539	24,784
Grants Received		18,807	1,000
Legacies, Gifts & Donations		1,538	4,408
		<u>133,770</u>	<u>124,267</u>
<u>Payments</u>			
Ministry	3	31,705	41,048
Other salaries		30,266	35,135
Property repairs		2,999	9,431
Other property related costs		28,817	47,006
Administration		8,995	9,015
Mission		2,472	3,080
Grants made	4	13,178	12,400
		<u>118,431</u>	<u>157,115</u>
<u>Surplus for the year</u>		15,339	-32,848
Balance brought forward		101,093	133,941
		<u>116,432</u>	<u>101,093</u>

The notes form an integral part of this financial statement.

Approved by the Trustees of Mansfield Road Baptist Church on

23 March 2024, and signed on their behalf by A Joddrell, Treasurer,
 and Jean Taylor, Secretary

J.E. Taylor

A. Joddrell

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Assets:			
Bank current accounts		14,265	10,363
Deposits with Baptist Union		110,003	87,005
		<u>124,268</u>	<u>97,368</u>
Representing balances on the following accounts:			
General account		124,268	97,368
		<u>124,268</u>	<u>97,368</u>
Church premises and contents, at estimated insurance value	5	13,816,008	12,745,397
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities		0	0

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of the accounts: these accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts and Payments" basis and accord with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.
2. Other income:

Hiring out of premises	10,689	8,815
Weddings and funerals (net)	22,656	14,082
Sales of Goods & Services (net)	811	-99
Fund-raising	0	0
For other causes	2,383	1,985
	<u>36,539</u>	<u>24,783</u>
3. Ministry: This heading comprises the Minister's stipend, pension contribution, secondary National Insurance contribution, travel, housing costs and visiting preachers.
4. Grants made:

BUGB Home Mission	4,900	4,900
BMS World Mission	4,900	4,900
Other Grants made	0	0
To other causes	3,378	2,600
	<u>13,178</u>	<u>12,400</u>
5. The church is the beneficial owner, under the custodian trusteeship of East Midland Baptist Trust Company Ltd, of its premises. The insurance value stated in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities is not to be regarded as a market value or suchlike.

**REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MANSFIELD ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023**

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention in my examination of the accounts.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

(a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act;

(b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met: or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Dated: 29th February 2024.

Mrs Alison Thomas
Thomas Helwys Baptist Church