

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06210578 (England and Wales)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129771

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**  
**FOR**  
**RETFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**

**RETFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

It has been our aim to fulfil our Objectives and Activities and to be a positive Godly influence on those around us, and so reflect the life and love of Jesus Christ in all that we both are and do.

Throughout the year the church has continued to encourage those with whom we have contact to reflect the life and love of Jesus Christ through:

- Public worship, prayer and teaching
- Provision of pastoral and practical care for those who have need of it
- Mission and Outreach work
- Training and personal development

When planning our activities for the year the Directors have considered the commission's guidance on Public Benefit and complied with section 17 (5) of the 2011 Charities Act and, in particular, the specific guidance for charities on the advancement of religion.

**Introduction**

The year of 2022-3 has been one of significant movement forwards in some areas and the laying of foundations in others. It has been Pete Everitt's first full year as the senior minister and we have begun to see the development of his strategy. This is evident though the deepening spirituality of worship and a preaching programme which has explored what it means to be part of the Well in Retford.

At the same time we have continued to face some challenges and these have placed some restrictions on how rapidly we can develop. Although the impact of Covid has faded in some respects, it has left an impact in others. Although numbers at Sunday morning services have recovered to something like the levels seen before Covid, the church finances have not done quite so well and have restrained us in areas such as when we can employ a youth worker to take care of our 'next generation.' Finances have also been placed under pressure by huge increases in the cost of energy following the outbreak of the war in Ukraine.

The church has seen many new faces over the year and at a rough estimate half those who are now attending were not part of us during the years before Covid. Many of these are younger people and we have also had regular attendance from Green Pastures students at the revived Mattersey complex. The challenge now is to fully integrate these new folk into the range of activities of the church including sharing in some of the functions, joining prayer meetings and belonging to Connect groups. That way we can fully integrate them into our Christian body.

We continue to 'broadcast' our Sunday morning services online and via YouTube and Sunday evening meetings have continued, often as prayer meetings in the Wellspring but also occasionally as a powerful worship evening led by our younger people.

Over this year we have held the following:

- 4 baptisms - Candice Archer, Bright Idemudia, Pam Bailey and Jenny Bond
- 2 dedications
- no weddings
- 9 funerals (we either officiated or were involved at RBC or elsewhere)

The Trustees and Vision Team have remained largely stable in their membership.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Significant Activities**

Over the course of the year, we experienced steady growth in our Sunday attendance.

Throughout the year, we have delved into various teaching themes, including relational life, the Book of Jonah, Church Basics, Stories from Wells, the Book of Philippians, Kingdom life, and next level living. These teachings have aimed to enrich our understanding of our faith and guided us in applying spiritual principles to our daily lives.

The year started with a remarkable spiritual awakening as we experienced the powerful presence of God moving mightily through our services during January and February. With the sense that God was showering us in gentle rain.

Over Lent the church was encouraged to pray for the salvation of friends and family with a 40-day prayer guide. Many have continued to use the guide for prayer.

In October 2022, we had the privilege of hosting Phil Knox from the Evangelical Alliance, who shared a message of hope and discussed the work of the Evangelical Alliance.

In May 2023 we had Martin Young come and share with us on Pentecost Sunday which was a powerful time where we saw the Spirit of God to many things.

We introduced monthly Family Services on our family feast communion gatherings. These services provided opportunities for all ages to worship and learn together. This also helped in a season where there was a struggle in the volunteer base to run regular Children and youth groups on a Sunday. At the turn of the year, we saw a gradual increase in volunteers to lead and help with this area of ministry.

The year began with a community walk at Idle Valley on New Year's Day in place of our morning service. This led us to take the step to host a walk in place of our morning service whenever there is a 5th Sunday in the month. The aim of the walks is fostering fellowship and building community connections.

At Christmas we again supported the Samaritans Purse shoe box appeal and held a toy service to gather toys for the women's refuge.

In June Christine Morris who serves as a missionary in India and is supported by RBC was back in the UK and reported back to the church on the work she is involved in.

Our Sunday Evening Prayer meetings consistently drew strong attendance, with 12-25 regular participants. The commitment to prayer reflects our dedication to seeking God's guidance and presence.

On the last Sunday evening of each month, we held prophetic nights of Worship to press into the presence of God and find deeper connection.

"Thirst," our Wednesday morning worship service, was initiated to offer an hour of worship, to soak, press in, and find spiritual refreshment during the week.

Thursday mornings have continued to provide a space for prayer for our church and community hosted on Zoom by Pastor Richard.

In Autumn 2022 Pastor Pete lead the newly formed Visible Discipleship Course, a comprehensive exploration of the building blocks of spiritual formation. This course laid a foundation for our spiritual growth. Seventy people attended the 5-week teaching.

Over the winter months in partnership with our sister charity Well Community Projects we ran a 'warm space' every Tuesday evening; this was a great time of fellowship building links with the community.

Our Midweek Connect Groups remained active. Several new groups began, providing additional opportunities for members to connect, share, and grow in their faith journey.

The Spirit Café has still not been restarted at this point in time but many of the team continue to serve this ministry online.

The church has continued to be a drop off and storage facility for items that have been gifted to support those in Ukraine.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Regarding children's and youth ministry, we are delighted that a team is now in place to cover Sunday mornings so that we have been able to provide regular sessions for 0-4s and 5-11s. More than twenty people have volunteered to help so that it has been possible to avoid overloading any individuals...although new volunteers are always welcome! The 0-4s age group have a safe space to play, a time to worship with age-appropriate songs and a Bible story/message. This has been developed over the last year to create a space of fellowship and support for the parents who attend with their children.

The 5-11 Sunday ministry continues to run every week with group leaders that the children have been able to get to know and build relationships with over the last year. Time has been invested into training leaders in how to use and make the most out of the Think Orange material. It is the aim to create more regular training sessions and team meetings next year to help support the leaders and helpers of all age groups.

The 11-18 age group has seen an increase in the numbers of leaders and helpers, this has allowed the church to be able to run a Sunday ministry group EVERY week which has been an answer to prayer. The Tuesday 'YTH' group has continued to run on a weekly basis.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**The local community**

Our primary contact with the local community is through our sister organisation The Well Community Projects. The Well Community Projects is the way we show our love and support to the whole community of Retford and surrounding areas, through the provision of a variety of services. Though solely owned by The Well Retford Baptist Church, we operate it with its own board of trustees. Accordingly, The Well Community Projects produces its own annual report. Many of the items below are run through that route.

- a) We run a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Counselling Centre, supporting local people through debt problems in partnership with CAP. Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) contributes towards our CAP Manager's salary under a Service Level Agreement and we are most grateful to the Council for their financial support. Following the Covid outbreak, our Debt Service has returned to normal, in that the majority of appointments with clients are taking place in person, unless the client requests otherwise. In addition to delivering a debt counselling service, we aim to provide holistic support for our clients; so, we have supported our clients with various food shops, the purchase of school uniforms and in other ways. An exciting development this year was the appointment of Thomas Fritchley in the role of Trainee Debt Coach. Once Thomas has completed his training and been 'signed off' by CAP, our CAP Centre should become more resilient, because the Centre has been solely relying upon our Centre Manager, Joanne Bond, to provide the debt counselling.
- b) With the help of a significant grant from BDC, we provided a 'warm space' at the The Well on Tuesdays between October 2022 and the end of March 2023. We provided food and refreshments together with family activities, such as a room where children could play and, from January, we showed films. All of this was delivered by staff and a large team of committed volunteers.
- c) We participate in the Bassetlaw Financial Inclusion Forum which is organised by Bassetlaw District Council. It is an opportunity to build relationships with other organisations serving our community and to share information. The main focus of discussions and action this year has been around the challenges of the cost of living.
- d) We have also attended meetings organised by Bassetlaw Community Volunteer Service and BDC to discuss the local response for helping and supporting Ukrainians who have come to Bassetlaw as a result of the conflict in their country. We provide storage facilities at The Well for items donated to Ukraine.
- e) Baby Kingfishers: As a result of the baby/toddler groups being completely full, it was decided to launch an afternoon session to take babies and toddlers from 0 to 3 years. This would enable families with a baby and a sibling over the age of 1 to attend together. There are over 340 members on the Baby Kingfishers Facebook page, some of whom are on the waiting list to start.
- f) Operation Christmas Child: 150 shoe boxes were created at our packing party this year. We sent 778 shoe boxes from Retford and neighbouring villages to Rotherham for further checking and distribution. Our shoe boxes were delivered to Belarus, to Ukrainian refugees.
- g) Luncheon Club: There were 63 guests to the Christmas dinner this year. The price of the meal was heavily subsidised by using the yearly donation from the Stuart Goodwin Foundation. There were regularly 50 guests to the Monday lunch each week and about 25 to the Wednesday meal.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Wider Influence**

RBC continued to assist The Bridge Church, Sutton in Ashfield, with preachers. We also provide similar support to Bottesford Baptist Church in Scunthorpe and Epworth Baptist Church.

We continued to be involved with Ground Level Network and draw support and encouragement from them.

Our partnership with Harvest Alliance has lessened over this year as partnerships with other networks have emerged. The church has strengthened links with the Fresh Streams Network of which Pastor Peter Everitt serves on the national leadership team. We have hosted a few gatherings for Fresh Streams including hosting some of the core leaders in May.

As a Church we have continued in our partnership with the Further Faster Network and have been encouraged by the resources they offer including our Sunday Children's and youth curriculum called 'Think Orange'.

Pastor Peter Everitt also sits on the core team of Baptist Union Young Adults Round Table and leads a national Baptist Millennial Leaders gathering each month. He sits on the Evangelical Alliance Young Adults Think Tank and has been working to help facilitate links between Baptist Church mission projects in the UK and the Baptist Union of Victoria in Australia.

Pastor Richard Warren continues to act as the chair for Christians Together in Retford and has attended various official meetings within Bassetlaw. He also attended the Bassetlaw Church Forum with our local Member of Parliament.

We have continued to support the work of Christine Morris our missionary. She works in India improving the quality of care and education for children with special educational needs. Her aim is to resource and equip those involved in the education and care of children with Special Educational Needs.

The church also acts as host for the Christian heritage work of Pilgrims & Prophets, which is led by some church members.

**Social Media**

We have gradually become more organised regarding our social media over the year. We are aware of at least a couple of people who have looked at our 'presence' on this before coming along to a service and we trust that this will happen more often. It is also helpful for those who cannot always attend on a Sunday.

The main areas of activity are:

- a) YouTube: services are live streamed and then shared via our YouTube channel. Numbers watching live stream are quite small, generally around fifteen, but include some regular online worshippers in other countries. The number of subscribers on YouTube has risen from 144 in August 2021 to 197 in November 2022 and 258 in October 2023. In 2020-21 our services had average views of about 120 and in 2021-2 it remained about the same. Broadly speaking the 'views' for our videos are around the 150 mark, though some are higher and one has actually topped a thousand.
- b) Facebook: the church has two Facebook pages – a private one for partners and a public one, which is our main interface with the community apart from the website. During the year 2022-3, the private page was the most active. In August 2021, there were 125 'members' of this group with around a dozen contributing content regularly; as of October 2023, the number is 119 as a few people have left and we have not opened this to new people in the church. The 'public' page has become more active. This had 786 'likes' and 822 people who 'followed' in 2021 and this rose to 905 and 961 respectively in 2022, suggesting there is great potential for using this more extensively. We have built on this during this year and as of October 2023 it had 963 followers and had topped one thousand 'likes'.
- c) Other social media: the church does not yet have a regular presence on Twitter or Instagram. The latter is more popular with younger people and might be a useful addition to our range.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial review**

The total income for the year was £279,799 (2022 - £311,626) and the total expenditure for the year was £308,290 (2022 - £287,684) resulting in a deficit before gains of £28,491 (2022 - surplus £23,942).

This was a healthy year for the charity. Giving for the year was down on the previous year, but rentals were healthier.

Expenses have been higher during the year owing to the rise in energy costs.

The loan we had for the building of the church has depleted; the low rate of interest has helped in this area. The loan account, which could now be paid off as there are sufficient funds to do this, stood at £15,395 at the end of the financial year. This accounted for £18,270 being paid off during the year.

At the beginning of the year 2021-22 the debt was: £77,735

At the end of the year 2021-22 the debt was: £33,665

At the beginning of the year 2022-23 the debt was: £33,665

At the end of the year 2022-23 the debt was: £15,395

The Trustee agreed on a reserves policy, the balance of which is held in a separate account. This also includes money held in trust as well as reserves for the Church. The Trustees aim to ensure enough reserves are held to meet all liabilities in the event of closure of the Church.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The plans for the future include the consolidation of the recent growth of the church. Preaching is intended to focus on developing an understanding of what it means to be part of the church as we begin to explore new thinking about 'membership' and 'partnership'. We aim to strengthen provision for children and young people.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The organisation is established as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governance and Management**

In previous years the Trustees reported to the church that the Charity Commission had been notified that the funds known as the Mabel Merrills fund have been held in the church building accounts for a number of years and had not been used for the intended purpose. The Trustees have informed the Commission of a plan that once payment of the church mortgage has been completed the Mabel Merrill fund will be offered to another charity to be used for an appropriate purpose in line with the original intention.

During the year Moira Marshall, Chair of the Finance Committee, joined the Trustees' (16/5/2022). There were no other major changes to the trustees during the year although Andrew Pullin resigned in September 2023, after the end of the year; we are very grateful to Andy for his years of stalwart service. Following the last annual general meeting, the trustees re-appointed Adrian Gray to be the chair of trustees.

The process of amending the articles and memorandum of association so they more accurately reflect working practice has been paused during the year while Pete sets out some foundational teaching about belonging to the church. As Pete considers the best structure for moving forwards, there have been occasions when the trustees and the Vision Team have met together and this has been most welcome.

As a result, we still need to do some work on the precise definition of a 'partner' and the role of the meetings formerly known as 'wider leadership team.'

Rotation of directors as recorded in minutes of AGMs for years covering;

AGM	Resigned	Appointed
2019		Andrew Richard Pullin
2020	Tom Edward Coulson	
	John Brewster	John Brewster
2021	Adam Lloyd Clapperton	Adam Lloyd Clapperton
	Yvonne Evelyn Warren	Yvonne Evelyn Warren
2022	Adrian Austen Gray	Adrian Austen Gray
	Andrew Richard Pullin	Andrew Richard Pullin
		Peter James Everitt
		Moira Marshall
2023	Keith Dunkinson	
	Frank Woolrich	Frank Woolrich

**External Partner Organisations**

Throughout the year the organisation worked in partnership with several local, regional and national/international organisations in pursuit of its objectives. These partner organisations were:

**Retford and Bassetlaw**

Bassetlaw Food Bank  
Churches Together in Retford  
The North Notts. Support Partnership  
Bassetlaw Financial Inclusion Forum  
Faith Action Retford  
The Bassetlaw Church in the Community Forum  
Bassetlaw District Council  
The Well Community Projects

**In the region**

East Midlands Baptist Associate  
Ground Level Network  
Alive Churches

**National and internationally**

The Baptist Union of Great Britain  
The Evangelical Alliance  
Harvest Alliance



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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Risk management**

The Trustees/Directors have reviewed and continue to monitor the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, and in particular to its operations and finances and are satisfied that systems are in place which are adequate and appropriate to the size of the charitable company and the nature of its operations.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

06210578 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1129771

**Registered office**

The Well  
Hospital Road  
RETFORD  
DN227BD

**Trustees**

A. Clapperton  
Mrs. Y. Warren  
A. A. Gray  
A R Pullin (resigned 8.9.23)  
K Dunkinson (resigned 4.12.23)  
F. Woolrich  
Rev. P. J. Everitt  
Ms. M Marshall (resigned 29.1.24)

**Company Secretary**

Mrs. Y. Warren

**Independent Examiner**

C. M. Tams F.C.A.  
12 Abbey Road  
GRIMSBY  
DN32 0HL

**Bankers**

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Nottinghamshire  
NG18 1HS

**Solicitors**

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Beeston  
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Legal and Administrative Information**

Retford Baptist Church is a Registered Charity (Reg No. 1129771) and a registered Company (Reg No. 6210578). The company was formed on 12th April 2007 and has taken on the operations of Retford Baptist Church from the previous trust (Richard Brownlow Trust for meeting house and preacher) from 1st May 2007.

The registered office and names and addresses of Advisers are set out above.

The Directors during the year under review were as noted above for the whole period.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Retford Baptist Church for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
A. A. Gray - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
RETFORD BAPTIST CHURCH (REGISTERED NUMBER: 06210578)**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Retford Baptist Church ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

C. M. Tams F.C.A.

12 Abbey Road  
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DN32 0HL

Date: .....

**RETFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.6.23 Total funds £	30.6.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	189,880	30,006	219,886	251,206
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Services provided		22,807	-	22,807	21,841
Other trading activities	3	31,749	-	31,749	17,591
Other income		5,357	-	5,357	20,988
<b>Total</b>		<u>249,793</u>	<u>30,006</u>	<u>279,799</u>	<u>311,626</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Local Ministry		272,673	20,291	292,964	273,958
Community Support		15,326	-	15,326	13,726
<b>Total</b>		<u>287,999</u>	<u>20,291</u>	<u>308,290</u>	<u>287,684</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>16,000</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(36,706)</u>	<u>9,715</u>	<u>(26,991)</u>	<u>39,942</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	16	<u>9,715</u>	<u>(9,715)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(26,991)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,991)</u>	<u>39,942</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		1,439,055	173,281	1,612,336	1,572,394
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>1,412,064</u></u>	<u><u>173,281</u></u>	<u><u>1,585,345</u></u>	<u><u>1,612,336</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**RETFORD BAPTIST CHURCH (REGISTERED NUMBER: 06210578)**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.6.23 Total funds £	30.6.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	1,187,356	163,202	1,350,558	1,389,441
Investment property	10	161,500	-	161,500	160,000
		<u>1,348,856</u>	<u>163,202</u>	<u>1,512,058</u>	<u>1,549,441</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	15,867	-	15,867	13,864
Cash at bank and in hand		96,537	10,079	106,616	125,974
		<u>112,404</u>	<u>10,079</u>	<u>122,483</u>	<u>139,838</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(49,196)	-	(49,196)	(61,777)
		<u>63,208</u>	<u>10,079</u>	<u>73,287</u>	<u>78,061</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>63,208</u>	<u>10,079</u>	<u>73,287</u>	<u>78,061</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,412,064</u>	<u>173,281</u>	<u>1,585,345</u>	<u>1,627,502</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	-	-	-	(15,166)
		<u>1,412,064</u>	<u>173,281</u>	<u>1,585,345</u>	<u>1,612,336</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,412,064</u>	<u>173,281</u>	<u>1,585,345</u>	<u>1,612,336</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	16				
Unrestricted funds				1,412,064	1,439,055
Restricted funds				173,281	173,281
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,585,345</u>	<u>1,612,336</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

**BALANCE SHEET - continued**  
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....  
and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
A. A. Gray - Trustee

## **RETFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

##### **Incoming resources**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Where terms and conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether the charity can meet the terms or conditions otherwise within its control, the income is not recognised but deferred as a liability until it is probable that the terms or conditions imposed can be met. Deferred income is released to income in the reporting period in which the performance-related or other conditions that limit recognition are met.

##### **Resource expended**

Resources expended are recognised on an accruals basis in the period in which they arise. No on going liability for grants awarded is recognised with expenditure recognised in the period that the grant is made.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 33% Straight Line, 20% Straight Line, 10% Straight Line and 5% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% Straight Line and 10% Straight Line

##### **Property -**

Each major component of property assets are depreciated separately over their useful economic life as follows-

Heating	- 2.5% Straight Line
Kitchen	- 4% Straight Line
Toilets	- 4% Straight Line
Alarm	- 5% Straight Line
Lift	- 2.5% Straight Line
Building	- 2% Straight Line

##### **Investments**

Investment property is measured at cost and subsequently at fair value at each reporting period. No depreciation is provided on investment property.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

The charity has a number of restricted funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

All other funds are unrestricted. Where the Directors intend to use the unrestricted funds for a specific purpose they have set up a designated fund to reflect this.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Donations	170,363	206,254
Gift aid	29,370	35,345
Grants	20,153	9,607
	<u>219,886</u>	<u>251,206</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Rental income	30,535	17,325
Catering income	1,214	266
	<u>31,749</u>	<u>17,591</u>

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Local Ministry	18,887	20,373
Community Support	15,326	13,726
	<u>34,213</u>	<u>34,099</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
CAP	8,520	8,880
Harvest Alliance	3,000	1,500
B U Home Mission	-	650
B.M.S	167	3,225
Well Community Projects	15,326	13,726
Ground Level	2,400	1,200
International Service	4,800	4,800
Bassetlaw Foodbank	-	118
	<u>34,213</u>	<u>34,099</u>



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**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Independent examiners fee	2,700	2,400
Depreciation - owned assets	43,756	44,837
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	41,043	36,313
Trustees' social security	3,581	3,125
Trustees' pension contributions to defined benefit schemes	3,368	7,411
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>47,992</u>	<u>46,849</u>

The charity's memorandum and articles of association allowing remuneration to be paid to trustees are approved by the Charity Commission.

All trustees' salaries, social security and pension contributions during the year relate to the senior minister Rev. P. Everitt, who is also considered to be the paid key management of the charity. Trustees' remuneration during the year ended 30 June 2022 was paid to the senior ministers Rev. J. Brewster and Rev. P. Everitt.

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year ended 30 June 2022 the charity paid £1,320 for the removal costs of the new minister Rev. P. Everitt.

There were no other trustee expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2023 nor for the year ended 30 June 2022.

**7. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.6.23	30.6.22
Direct charitable	3	3
Management and Admin	4	4
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Two members of staff are part of a defined benefit pension administered by the Baptist Union. Total contributions made by the Church were £3,368 (2022- £7,411).

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**8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	201,074	50,132	251,206
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Services provided	21,841	-	21,841
Other trading activities	17,591	-	17,591
Other income	20,988	-	20,988
<b>Total</b>	<u>261,494</u>	<u>50,132</u>	<u>311,626</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Local Ministry	257,382	16,576	273,958
Community Support	13,726	-	13,726
<b>Total</b>	<u>271,108</u>	<u>16,576</u>	<u>287,684</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>16,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,000</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	6,386	33,556	39,942
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>33,556</u>	<u>(33,556)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	39,942	-	39,942
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	1,399,113	173,281	1,572,394
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>1,439,055</u></u>	<u><u>173,281</u></u>	<u><u>1,612,336</u></u>

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**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 July 2022	1,916,430	100,660	45,912	2,063,002
Additions	-	4,191	682	4,873
At 30 June 2023	1,916,430	104,851	46,594	2,067,875
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 July 2022	533,601	94,234	45,726	673,561
Charge for year	39,508	3,729	519	43,756
At 30 June 2023	573,109	97,963	46,245	717,317
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 30 June 2023	1,343,321	6,888	349	1,350,558
At 30 June 2022	1,382,829	6,426	186	1,389,441

**10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 July 2022	160,000
Revaluation	1,500
At 30 June 2023	161,500
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 30 June 2023	161,500
At 30 June 2022	160,000

The property at 1A Limetree Avenue was initially purchased for £78,282.

Fair value at 30 June 2023 is represented by:

Valuation in 2023	£ 161,500
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The investment property was valued by the trustees during the year ended 30 June 2023.

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	30.6.23 £	30.6.22 £
Trade debtors	3,884	1,363
Other debtors	3,859	4,347
Well Community Project	5,491	6,327
Tax	2,633	1,827
	15,867	13,864

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**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	15,396	18,500
Social security and other taxes	2,350	2,193
Accruals and deferred income	31,450	41,084
	<u>49,196</u>	<u>61,777</u>

**13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 14)	<u>-</u>	<u>15,166</u>

**14. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>15,396</u>	<u>18,500</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>-</u>	<u>15,166</u>

**15. SECURED DEBTS**

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>15,396</u>	<u>33,666</u>

There is a legal charge imposed by Big Lottery Fund on the freehold property known as land and buildings at Hospital Road Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 7BD and registered at HM Land Registry under title number NT443103. The amount secured is £500,000.

There is a legal charge imposed by Coalfields Regeneration Trust on the Well Retford Baptist Church, Hospital Road Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 7BD. The amount secured is £150,000.

There is a legal charge imposed by Clydesdale Bank PLC by way of a mortgage over the property situated at the property Hospital Road, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 7BD and by way of a fixed and floating charge over all the other assets of the company.

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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,439,055	(36,706)	9,715	1,412,064
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building fund	-	7,215	(7,215)	-
Mabel Merrills	173,281	-	-	173,281
Other restricted	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
	<u>173,281</u>	<u>9,715</u>	<u>(9,715)</u>	<u>173,281</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,612,336</u>	<u>(26,991)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,585,345</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	249,793	(287,999)	1,500	(36,706)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building fund	7,215	-	-	7,215
Other restricted	22,791	(20,291)	-	2,500
	<u>30,006</u>	<u>(20,291)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,715</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>279,799</u>	<u>(308,290)</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(26,991)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.7.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,399,113	6,386	33,556	1,439,055
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building fund	-	33,556	(33,556)	-
Mabel Merrills	173,281	-	-	173,281
	<u>173,281</u>	<u>33,556</u>	<u>(33,556)</u>	<u>173,281</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,572,394</u>	<u>39,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,612,336</u>

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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	261,494	(271,108)	16,000	6,386
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building fund	33,556	-	-	33,556
Missions	12	(12)	-	-
Other restricted	16,564	(16,564)	-	-
	<u>50,132</u>	<u>(16,576)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,556</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>311,626</u>	<u>(287,684)</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>39,942</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.7.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,399,113	(30,320)	43,271	1,412,064
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building fund	-	40,771	(40,771)	-
Mabel Merrills	173,281	-	-	173,281
Other restricted	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
	<u>173,281</u>	<u>43,271</u>	<u>(43,271)</u>	<u>173,281</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,572,394</u>	<u>12,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,585,345</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	511,287	(559,107)	17,500	(30,320)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Building fund	40,771	-	-	40,771
Missions	12	(12)	-	-
Other restricted	39,355	(36,855)	-	2,500
	<u>80,138</u>	<u>(36,867)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,271</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>591,425</u>	<u>(595,974)</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>12,951</u>

**Mabel Merrills**

The Mabel Merrills fund is to be donated to a suitable charity providing care for elderly people.

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**16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Missions Fund**

Missions fund is donations received to be paid out in grants/ donations to assist mission trips.

**Building Fund**

Donations received into the building fund are to support the finance costs of the building.

**Other Restricted**

Other restricted funds include amounts received from CAP and Groundwork for wages, and donations received for Ukraine and for a retirement gift for the retiring minister and his wife and a leaving gift for the assistant minister.

**Transfers between funds**

Transfers into the general fund of £7,215 (2022: £33,556) are for finance repayments. As finance repayments are made the building fund money is no longer restricted and is transferred into the general fund.

Transfers into the general fund of £2,500 (2022: £Nil) are in relation to assets that have been purchased from restricted income where the restrictions have been met.

**17. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

One member of staff is currently a part of the Baptist Union Ministers Pension fund, and one member of staff who ceased to be employed by the charity during the year was also a part of the Baptist Union Ministers Pension fund. This is a defined benefit scheme operated by the Baptist Union. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

The charity makes contributions into a defined contribution scheme for its employees. The amount charged to the Statement Of Financial Activities during the year was £768 (2022- £1,832). There were no pension amounts outstanding at the 30th June, 2023.

**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Transactions and balances with related parties were as follows:

	£	£
	Transaction Value	Amount due/(owed) at 30 June 2023
Donations to The Well Community Projects	15,326	
Wages, social security and pension costs charged to The Well Community Projects	19,959	
Utility recharges to Well Community Projects	5,357	
Amounts due from Well Community Projects		5,491
Wages, social security and pension costs paid on behalf of R. Warren	30,538	

Total donations from Trustees and spouses during the year amounted £30,013 (2022 - £48,999).

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**19. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES**

The church is the sole guarantor for The Well Community Projects, a company limited by guarantee (Reg no. 5861418) and a registered charity (Reg No. 1116491) which undertakes the delivery of a variety of community services.