

Barrow Baptist church



Church Report Review of 2022

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1. Charity Information

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Charity name:	Barrow upon Soar Baptist Church
Charity registration number:	1129860
Address:	Barrow Baptist Church, Beveridge Street, Barrow Upon Soar, LE12 8PL
Property Trustees:	The East Midland Baptist Trust Company, Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 8RT
Bankers:	HSBC, Market Place, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3EJ
Independent Examiner:	Mr S. McDonald ACA
Charity Trustees:	Rev Neil Jones (Chair) Andrew Boston (Treasurer) to November 2022 Susan Graham Linda Wall Reuben Sneller (Secretary) Sharon Bradwell Davina Smith (Treasurer) from November 2022 Matthew Gudger from November 2022

Structure and management:

Barrow Baptist Church is an unincorporated association and is governed by its Constitution.

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in Jesus Christ, or following other modes of baptism to renew their public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Members' Meetings currently take place monthly, except in April, August and December; the Members' Meeting has responsibility for the overall policy of the church.

The elected Trustees (listed above) are responsible for the overall governance of the church, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Trustees are elected by the Church Meeting; details of the process for election of Trustees are described in the Constitution. The Trustees meet every other month in order to assist in the smooth running of the charity.

The minister of the church, Rev Neil Jones (Trustee & Elder), is responsible for the day to day running of the church, supported by Elders (also elected by the Members' Meeting) who are responsible for the spiritual direction of the charity. There is also a small staff team of church worker and administrator.

Activities and objectives:

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.

Achievements and performance, including report on public benefit:

In order to achieve the principal objective which is set out above, the Church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally and as such is described as a

community church. 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.

This report details the activities of Barrow Baptist Church during 2022 in fulfilment of its objectives; central to this is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship and times of prayer and also includes conducting Christian wedding services, funerals as well as running groups to support children and their parents / carers as well as seniors.

2. 2022 Synopsis

New Members	13
Baptisms	5
Deaths	2
Resignations	10

3. Minister's Report of 2022

Verse for 2022 – Ephesians 4:4-6, 'There is one body and one Spirit; one hope; one Lord; one faith; one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all'

2022 was a very special year for us at Barrow Baptist Church, as we celebrated 200 years of this particular church. Therefore, the year contained a number of special ways in which to celebrate the Bicentenary.

The year started with joy and anticipation, as most restrictions from the pandemic had been removed. All of our groups had restarted and we hit the ground running. The groups that were running as we began 2022 were: Little Buds, Baby Buds, Connect Café (on a Monday and Tuesday), Restored, Growth Groups, Silver Sports and Who Let the Dads Out, as well as regular Sunday morning services and Messy Church and Evening Praise once a month. Church members' meetings continued to be held monthly.

During the year we had five baptisms and six infants were dedicated at special services. These events are a real encouragement and blessing to the church family as we rejoice with those involved.

Bicentenary celebrations kicked off after Easter and included a special service on 8th May, to which a number of guests, including old members, were invited. This service triggered a special reading challenge in which people agreed to read either the whole Bible or the New Testament only in 200 days. A couple of weeks later we had a church photograph. In June, we welcomed pupils from the local primary school, Hall Orchard, to special assemblies, which included prizegiving for artwork the children had produced for the bicentenary. Also, in June we had a church fete with many activities and musical performances. In August there was a well-attended family-camp in the New Forest. There was a special night of music in September at a proms-style event titled 'Worship Through the Centuries' and in November we hosted a concert by the Hope Community Gospel Choir. In addition to these events, we had an article published in the Barrow Voice local newspaper, a Christmas tree at the local Christmas Tree festival (this was December 2021, raising awareness of the bicentenary), a commemorative logo, coasters and large banner were produced, groups organised events to mark the bicentenary, and work began on updating the history of the church.

As enthusiasm and energy continued to flow, there were a number of changes to groups and new groups started up. A craft section has joined Silver Sports (which poses us with the search for a new

name, 'Sports and Crafts' seems to be sticking) which has increased numbers attending this group and the food bank which had been primarily done by delivery since the pandemic began, started to meet in the church premises once a week. Two new groups started in September, both meeting monthly. Thrive is a group for people with dementia and their carers; it seeks to connect with people who have memory problems and aims to have conversations about Jesus, as well as games and singing. Firepit Friday is a group for men which meets around a fire pit, which aims to enable men to have open and honest conversations about life, health and faith.

Additional events that took place were that there were two Refresh events specifically for women hosted by the East Midlands Baptist Association and Christian Vision for Men's 'The Gathering'. Both events were attended by a number of people.

During 2022 two dear church members died and were committed to the Lord until we meet them again in eternity.

The church is thriving and God is blessing us all richly as we wait on him and serve him in his mission to share the good news of his kingdom's arrival here on earth.

Grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour,
Neil

4. Mission Support

We continued to support a variety of other mission groups and projects who are meeting needs and sharing the gospel in our area and around the world. In 2022 we gave 15% of our total income to mission groups, this target was reached by making additional 'top-up' payments at the end of the year.

Local

We contribute to 'Home Mission' which supports churches, projects and staff within the East Midlands Baptist Association and across the country. We have been involved in mission in Barrow upon Soar, including through our 'High Street Link'. We also continued our support of the church plant in Castle Donnington.

Global

We support the work of the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS), and are linked with Alan & Megan Barker and their work in Nepal. We also support three mission organisations on a rolling three-year basis. CBM (Christian Blind Mission) was our new mission partner and we continued with our support for Africa Inland Mission. The year concluded our support for Open Doors and we chose MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) to be our new partner for 2023.

5. Fabric of the Building

In 2022 the carpets in both the sanctuary and Gap were professionally cleaned, and the Gap and fire escape were both repainted, along with many other smaller maintenance tasks.

There are several larger maintenance tasks planned for the next few years and additional finances have been budgeted for this, to ensure that we keep our buildings in good order, preventing further problems from arising or unexpected expenditure being required.

6. Finance

The Trustees are responsible for managing the church's finances. A financial summary for 2022 is on the following page.

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives.

The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves Policy, and are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year.

The Trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds which equates to 3 months staff costs and mortgage payments plus one month's running costs, to cover emergency situations which may arise.

Barrow Baptist Church

Statement of Financial Activity

For the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Opening monetary balance (bank account/s & cash in hand)		£	69,800.70		
		2022		2021	£90,737.27
Area of Ministry	Income	Expenditure		Income	Expenditure
Giving	£ 116,652.92	£ 120.00	2	£ 115,664.78	£ -
General Church	£ 27,170.40	£ 88,053.15	3	£ 15,943.47	£ 108,730.52
Church Groups	£ 9,451.60	£ 5,133.59	4	£ 3,690.66	£ 3,682.87
Alpha Course	£ -	£ -		£ -	£ 141.41
Christmas	£ 431.08	£ 185.09		£ 20.00	£ 438.66
The Big Week	£ -	£ -		£ 3,506.60	£ 3,921.59
Bicentenary	£ 1,790.25	£ 1,549.65		£ -	£ 10.00
Food Bank	£ -	£ 80.00		£ 2,913.70	£ 3,494.53
Practical Support	£ -	£ 272.19		£ 809.61	£ 790.75
Connect Cafe	£ 7,891.15	£ 4,509.61		£ 80.00	£ 20,786.76
Other catering	£ 2,422.16	£ 857.86		£ 114,413.18	£ 137,610.73
Mission	£ 30.00	£ 24,281.59	5	£ -	£ 68.30
Manse	£ 4,800.00	£ 39,198.25	6	£ -	£ 2,914.84
Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD)	£ -	£ 499.21		£ 257,042.00	£ 282,590.96
Depreciation		£ 2,240.68	9		£ (25,548.96)
Total	£ 170,639.56	£ 166,980.87			
Net gain / loss		£ 3,658.69			

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2022

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets

Equipment	£ 8,012.93	
Tech & Computer Equipment	£ 6,836.21	

Total fixed assets

£ 14,849.14 9

Current Assets

Monetary balance

Current Account	£ 48,774.16	
Baptists Together Deposit Account	£ 25,231.85	
Cash in Hand	£ 1,155.46	

Total monetary assets

£ 75,161.47

Accrued income

£ 799.00

Total current assets

£ 75,960.47

Accrued expenses / liabilities

£ 7,107.61 10

Net Assets

£ 83,702.00

Capital and Reserves

Current year earnings	£ 3,658.69	
Retained Earnings	£ 80,043.31	

Total Capital and Reserves

£ 83,702.00 11

2021	
£ 7,387.21	
£ 5,978.57	
£ 13,365.78	
£ 67,681.39	
£ 2,119.31	
£ 69,800.70	
£ 903.00	
£ 70,703.70	
£ 4,026.17	
£ 80,043.31	
-£ 25,548.96	
£ 105,592.27	
£ 80,043.31	

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and in line with S130 Charities Act 2011.

2. Area of Ministry: Giving

Account	2022		2021	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Offering - Standing Order	£ 84,333.63	£ -	£ 86,840.20	£ -
Offering - Bank Transfer	£ 3,137.20	£ -	£ 961.00	£ -
Offering - Cash	£ 5,879.35	£ -	£ 3,829.24	£ -
Offering - Cq regular	£ 3,500.00	£ 120.00	£ 2,570.00	£ -
Offering - Cq one-off	£ 2,400.00	£ -	£ 1,500.00	£ -
Donations - general	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Gift Aid Claimed	£ 17,402.74	£ -	£ 18,964.34	£ -
Total	£ 116,652.92	£ 120.00	£ 115,664.78	£ -

3. Area of Ministry: Church -

Account	2022		2021	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Donations - general	£ 924.11	£ -	£ 1,408.00	£ -
Room Hire	£ 12,120.00	£ -	£ 3,752.50	£ -
Preaching Fees	£ -	£ 600.00	£ -	£ 250.00
Catering / refreshments	£ -	£ 2,346.99	£ -	£ 1,355.26
Funeral Fees	£ 923.00	£ -	£ 1,423.00	£ 438.00
Leadership Development	£ -	£ 235.15	£ -	£ 751.80
Equipment	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Equipment (non asset register)	£ -	£ 834.94	£ -	£ 149.31
Tech & Computer Equipment	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Resources	£ -	£ 627.96	£ -	£ 185.10
Building Repairs & Maintenance	£ -	£ 1,640.20	£ -	£ 2,572.61
Building running costs	£ -	£ 9,559.07	£ 1,916.04	£ 12,336.11
Admin	£ -	£ 1,392.69	£ 20.00	£ 10,666.09
Insurance	£ -	£ 1,680.69	£ -	£ 1,596.34
Marketing & Communication	£ 170.40	£ 253.66	£ -	£ 708.62
Travel expenses	£ -	£ 283.70	£ -	£ -
Ministers' stipends & pensions	£ 468.45	£ 28,038.98	£ 49.60	£ 45,170.03
Ministers Housing Costs	£ -	£ 3,285.56	£ 1,819.16	£ 14,757.55
Subscriptions / Membership / Licenses	£ -	£ 2,300.22	£ -	£ 2,061.03
Other employment	£ -	£ 28,370.88	£ -	£ 9,595.29 *
Pensions Deficit	£ 1.00	£ 2,810.28 ¹²	£ -	£ 3,946.32
External Collections	£ 3,235.54	£ 3,235.54	£ 1,769.37	£ 1,678.58
Miscellaneous items	£ 374.55	£ 556.64	£ 3,735.80	£ 472.48
Legacies	£ 8,721.50	£ -	£ -	£ -
Interest	£ 231.85	£ -	£ -	£ -
Consulting (2021)			£ -	£ 40.00
Ministry fees (2021)			£ 50.00	£ -
Total	£ 27,170.40	£ 88,053.15	£ 15,943.47	£ 108,730.52

* September to December 2021, wages were been attributed to the work areas, e.g. Connect Café, Little Buds, Messy Church & Silver Sports

4. Area of Ministry: Church Groups

Account	2022	
	Income	Expenditure
Little Buds	£ 2,185.50	£ 282.56
Baby Buds	£ 328.50	£ -
Messy Church	£ 840.00	£ 1,428.23
WLTDO	£ 480.00	£ 363.81
Sunday School	£ -	£ 260.50
Youth general	£ 88.00	£ 276.64
Restored	£ 10.00	£ 248.90
Silver Sports	£ 3,449.60	£ 92.47
Thrive	£ -	£ 10.00
Seniors' Events	£ 1,730.00	£ 1,842.39
Men's Work	£ -	£ 90.00
Ladies Work	£ 340.00	£ 238.09
Total	£ 9,451.60	£ 5,133.59

2021	
Income	Expenditure
£ 982.33	£ 508.87
£ 1,082.69	£ 205.58
£ 464.64	£ 1,316.69
£ 114.00	£ 136.72
£ -	£ 273.00
£ -	£ 176.45
£ -	£ 244.54
£ 711.00	£ 400.04
£ 336.00	£ 330.98
£ -	£ 90.00
£ -	£ -
£ 3,690.66	£ 3,682.87

5. Area of Mission

Mission	2022	
	Income	Expenditure
Home Mission	£ -	£ 7,500.00
Baptist Missionary Society (BMS)	£ -	£ 7,500.00
Castle Donington Community Church	£ -	£ 1,000.00
Africa Inland Mission	£ -	£ 1,600.00
Open Doors	£ -	£ 1,600.00
CBM	£ -	£ 1,600.00
Local Mission	£ 30.00	£ 3,215.34
Tearfund		
Exaireo		£ 266.25
Total	£ 30.00	£ 24,281.59

2021	
Income	Expenditure
£ -	£ 7,200.00
£ 70.00	£ 3,870.00
£ -	£ 2,500.00
£ -	£ 2,000.00
£ -	£ 2,000.00
£ 10.00	£ 72.76
£ -	£ 2,000.00
£ -	£ 1,144.00
£ 80.00	£ 20,786.76

6. Area of Ministry: Manse

Account	2022	
	Income	Expenditure
Manse gifts	£ 3,920.00	£ -
Gift Aid Claimed	£ 880.00	£ -
Manse loans	£ -	£ -
Manse purchase & associated costs	£ -	£ 40.00
Manse loan repayment	£ -	£ 5,899.50
Manse mortgage repayments	£ -	£ 20,365.36
Manse mortgage capital repayment	£ -	£ 12,000.00
Insurance	£ -	£ 195.00
Manse running costs	£ -	£ 599.75
Ministers Housing Costs	£ -	£ 98.64
Total	£ 4,800.00	£ 39,198.25

2021	
Income	Expenditure
£ 83,140.44	£ -
£ 8,272.74	£ -
£ 23,000.00	£ -
£ -	£ 131,962.36
£ -	£ 150.00
£ -	£ 4,818.30
£ -	£ 148.64
£ -	£ 221.90
£ -	£ 309.53
£ 114,413.18	£ 137,610.73

7. Assets held in Trust

The church is the beneficial owner of land and buildings on Beveridge Street, Barrow upon Soar, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee; the East Midlands Baptist Trust Ltd. A value for the aforementioned is not included, because reliable cost information is not available and valuation would incur significant costs, which would be onerous compared to any additional benefit gained.

The church is also the beneficial owner of land and buildings at 70 Thirlmere Road, Barrow upon Soar, LE12 8QQ, for use as a manse, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee; the East Midlands Baptist Trust Ltd. The value of this property in September 2021 was £410,000.

8. Manse Loan

In September 2021, the church took out a loan from the Baptist Union Corporation for the purpose of purchasing a manse. At 31/12/2022 the balance of the loan was £263,245.61.

Additional interest free loans totalling £23,000 were received from church members, of which £6,049.50 has been repaid, giving a balance of £16,950.50.

9. Tangible Assets	2022	2021
Balance brought forward	£ 13,365.78	£ 14,855.00
Additional items	£ 3,724.04	£ 1,425.62
Less depreciation	£ 2,240.68	£ 2,914.84
Total	£ 14,849.14	£ 13,365.78

The depreciation method is as follows:

Appliances: reducing balance over ten years

Computer equipment: reducing balance over five years

General equipment: straight line over ten years

Sound equipment: straight line over ten years

10. Liabilities / Accrued expenses	2022	2021
Agency collections	£ 786.36	£ 838.58
Owed to suppliers	£ -	£ 543.59
Mission giving & collections to be paid	£ 6,321.25	£ 2,644.00
Total	£ 7,107.61	£ 4,026.17

11. Reserves

There are no restricted reserves.

12. Pension Costs

The church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as The Baptist Pension Scheme. The Baptist Pension Scheme fund has announced that they have signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group ("Just") to secure DB Plan members' pension benefits. This agreement is referred to as a 'buy-in policy'. It follows a similar agreement with Just in 2019 that covered most pensions in payment at that time. The combined agreements mean that Just are now providing financial backing for all DB pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan. The costs of such policies are largely driven by financial markets and these have moved substantially in the Scheme's favour, particularly over the course of the last few months. As a result, this transaction takes the Scheme out of a shortfall position for the first time in two decades. Although risks remain, the Baptist Union and the Trustee have agreed that deficit recovery contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan will reduce to just £1 per month from August 2022 until June 2026.

Template for Independent Examiners report, (where independent examiner does not wish to highlight any issues)

**Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Barrow Baptist Church
On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. (if accounts prepared on accruals basis*)

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

*Delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply

Signed by the Examiner:

Date 12th April 2023

Name STUART McDONALD

Relevant Professional Qualification(s) or body (if any) ACA

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LOUGHBOROUGH LE12 8RA

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		



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