



Oakham

BAPTIST CHURCH

**Reconciling Rutland to
the Kingdom of God**



They All Came- some of the 4000 people who joined us for our birthday

A WORD FROM TOM

Reconciling Rutland to the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom is a place of peace, of joy, of hope, of togetherness, of love, of community, of healing, of support, of Jesus, of truth. There is no injustice, no poverty, no addiction, no homelessness, no hunger, no thirst, no pain and suffering, no fear, no confusion. When we see these things in and around Rutland our response as God's people should be a desire to eradicate them and thus bring the Kingdom here to Earth as it is in heaven. Our mission-start with Rutland.

At last count there were 40,000 people here. I know church is full every week, but I don't think we've accomplished our mission yet.

And so, as we reflect back on the amazing successes of another great year with the Holy Spirit guiding us; let's do it with an ear and heart attuned to what God is calling us to next.

MINISTER'S REPORT

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The past

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Eph 4: 4-6

Last year I started this report by saying “I am in love with this church.” Well it appears that time together grows adoration because another year in and I am now besotted with OBC.

I have never been part of a body that is so close to the heart of Jesus as here. We come from different backgrounds and have different experiences in life. We have different tastes and preferences, we are at different points in our journey with the Lord, different ages, different opinions, different habits, different personalities, nationalities and dreams. And yet, we are one body. Joined by one baptism, in one faith, to serve and honour one Lord; Jesus Christ.

I was reflecting recently over the journey this body has travelled over its life. There have been times OBC looked like closing yet a dozen or so faithful brothers and sisters steadfastly committed to continuing Christ’s witness in Rutland. There have been points at which the bank account has been empty, the pews deserted and the garden overgrown. Yet we were never empty, we were never deserted, and Christ still ruled in all His splendour as He does now.

The steadfast commitment of those faithful few, the prayers of hope, the cries of pain, are now shouts of joy and hallelujah as Christ now so visibly reigns throughout Rutland. And look where we are now; what a joyful story of victory we can sing to each other.

The present

All the believers were one in heart and mind... with great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 4

Annual reports always throw me as I mentally work Jan to Dec as does our church vision and all our plans, whereas this report goes AGM to AGM covering the April 23 to Mar 24 period. If you know my brain then you'll also know that once Jan 24 comes around I jettison anything from previous and dive in fully to 2024 and onwards. So let me take some time to recall where we are at present before I jump into the future on the next page.

In short it has been another great year! I am so encouraged by everything God continues to do in the life of the fellowship. This year we saw loads of people come to faith and we shared in their baptisms together too. The mark of a healthy church, and a disciple, is seen in baptism.

We've had a good Alpha course (2 actually in the period this covers) that's seen people come to faith. Our Ukrainian Cafe organically grew into Community Cafe as we saw God meeting a need for Oakham and wider with an open space of love.

We got busier and busier and the deacons and I prayed on how to sustain growth, thinking particularly about what it is that makes "church" into church. This led us to the place of Missional Communities- other expressions of church that gather in more intentionally missional ways in other locations. The Gathering Place Uppingham popped up first, followed shortly after by The Walking Church. I strongly believe that missional communities need to be prioritised if we want to continue to provide the right trellis to enable God's growth in OBC. We also saw the birth of new life groups but we're full and overflowing with many on waiting lists (more about that later).

As a church we polished off the Book of Judges (wasn't that emotional! Great book to study), looked more deeply at prayer in the summer and then set sail with Jonah on his call to mission before stripping it all back from January with The Way.

We welcomed Sue Smout into her new role this year, which has been such a win, and overall we are in a tremendously healthy place as a church to move forward even deeper into the blessings of God.

The future

"Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

Acts 2

I launched the year in Jan, reimagining our vision of Reconciling Rutland to the Kingdom of God, and talked about hems and edges; I reiterate that here: We have grown tremendously but to sustain that growth we need to make sure some of the outlying items are taken care of. Churches that begin to decline are ones that fail to reorganise and restructure in efficient and effective ways. You may have seen restructuring and care for the edges already in how we welcome people on Sundays and how our services have altered slightly to give space for more time being led by the Spirit. There is loads happening "off camera" so to speak too and the main recipient of these changes has been the youth.

I thought what I'd do is give a short bullet point direction of the future plans to sustain and create more health and growth at OBC:

- Missional communities becoming more central.
- A discipleship and mentoring pathway made available.
- A look at financing for the building project.
- Building plans begin.
- Increasing Life Group availability.
- More integration of the youth into church life.
- An increase of youth based activity.
- More events for church members.
- Chances for evangelism with church social events.
- A direct focus on volunteering and being part of church life.

That's a lot isn't it. Let's see what we get through by next year's report.



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

From Gill Day- Deacon overseeing CYF

It's been an amazing year for children and youth at Oakham Baptist Church. We regularly have around 50 young people across all five groups on a Sunday morning and there is a real sense of fellowship and joy in each session. The young people are clearly on fire for God and are excited to learn more about the bible each week. Huge thanks go to Madeleine for her hard work this year. Also to the many volunteers who serve faithfully to make our church so family friendly.

In January Sue Smout joined the team as our mission and youth enabler, and already the youth groups have seen a transformation. Encounter have a new venue for Sunday mornings and now meet at Ovation in town – this has created a stronger sense of belonging within the group now they have their own space. A highlight of last year was the Encounter auction at which the young people raised £1268. Sue has also set up a monthly social for Encounter and is hoping to start up a youth café for Connect soon.

Tiddlers continues to be very well-attended and some amazing relationships have been built there. We have seen some incredible fruit this year as some of our Tiddlers parents have attended church and Alpha. LEt's GO build! is still very popular and we held our first adult/teen session "LEt's GO build! BIGGER" in January which was a success. We have also run other activities for children, youth and families including holiday craft days, a light party, SEND play sessions and a uniform swap among others.

In the year ahead we would like to continue with the same bridges we have built into the community. We pray that the blessings we share will bring fruit in His Kingdom. One area which we would love to develop is amongst our senior members. If God has put this on your heart please let us know.



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SERVICES & GATHERINGS

From Phil Brett- Deacon overseeing services

Worship Team

The worship team has matured and regularly led us into the presence of the Lord over the years Wendy has led the team. Unfortunately she is leaving us after doing such a tremendous job, thank you Wendy for all you have done. However, Carmelita will be taking up the reins and will continue to lead us as she has already been doing.

Some younger members of the congregation have participated in leading worship and hopefully this will continue and grow in numbers.

AV Team

The AV team under Ebe has been able to cope with just about anything thrown at them with a very ageing system. Well done to all.

Ministry Team

The prayer ministry team quietly goes about it's business and has met the need of quite a few people over the past year.

Welcome Team

The Welcome team shows the love of OBC to all who enter the building and really helps people feel at home.

Communion

The communion team, once a month, with the help of members of the body set up and distribute the elements and then wash the glasses afterwards.

There is a dedicated team for all the services who do a remarkable job but we still need more volunteers! If you can help please contact Phil Brett



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I'll let you caption this!

LIFE GROUPS

From Sue Bamber- Life Group Facilitator

The church has grown considerably in numbers over the last year and this means that Lifegroups have become even more pivotal, as a safe place to forge friendships, delve deeper into the Bible and prayerfully pastor one another.

We started the year with 8 groups and I'm pleased to say that this has risen to 10 with the launch of 2 new groups, one at the end of 2023 and one at the beginning of 24. One of these is a zoom group for those who folk find it difficult to meet in person for a whole host of reasons.

Around 120 people from the fellowship are regular attendees of a lifegroup, meeting weekly and socially at other times, which is very encouraging. The feedback from members is that belonging to a group has helped them grow in their Christian faith, find support and encouragement through close relationships and of course have lots of fun and laughter too!

None of the above would be possible without the committed band of coordinators and hosts we are blessed to have, who faithfully open their homes and/or organise or lead their specific group. Thank you.

And it goes without saying that we look forward to seeing how God continues to work through the Lifegroups in the year ahead to reconcile Rutland to the Kingdom.



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Not put off by the strange outfits, Pepper and Chase relaxed and heard the Gospel

COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

From Suzanne Johnson- Deacon overseeing outreach

As Tom has said, this year has seen a significant number of people visiting and joining OBC, many of whom have found faith for themselves, been baptised, and are getting involved in the life of the church.

It's been a busy year of regular outreach; through CAP Life Skills, community lunch, community café, REACH women's events and more, we are seeing more people visit us regularly and become part of the wider family. We ran an Alpha course last spring and another one is successfully under way from Feb 24. We have been blessed by several people attending the CA group that meets at OBC and finding their home in our church family.

A number of events have supported our reach and growth this year, including our hugely successful 250th birthday party in the park at Cutts Close. It was such a privilege to be part of an event where so many of us were involved in making it happen (thank you!) and which exceeded all expectations with c4000 people attending! God blessed us with fabulous weather and everything ran to plan. The event raised our profile in the town and surrounding areas and was a great opportunity to sing out over our communities "The Lord bless you".



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Lotty volunteers for another mission and outreach activity!

This year we also ran a very successful school uniform swap in conjunction with the Rutland Clothing Bank and once again were the regional collection point for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal, collecting c240 shoeboxes for children who may not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.

We have seen some fabulous growth through our Tiddlers group and children's work, family craft days, Let's Go Lego Club, Christmas market and crafts, and more. More about these in the Children, Young People and Families section, but a huge 'thank you' for the tireless work put into engaging our local families, many of whom are now comfortable to attend our events and some have started coming on Sundays and finding a warm welcome in the wider church family.

I often reflect that Jesus almost always chooses to advance the Kingdom one person at a time, through the one-to-one relationships and friendships of His people. As much as we were blown away by the way God blessed our party in the park, our future focus will be on events that enable us to reach new people and provide ways for each of us to invite our friends to get to know Jesus in a welcoming and loving environment.

PRAYER @OBC

From Jon Dyson- Deacon for Prayer and Spiritual Life

God continues to bless our times of seeking Him. We have continued to develop and practice rhythms of prayer during 2023. Regular weekly prayer times have been held at: 7.30am on Tuesdays, 9.30pm on Wednesdays. 1.00pm on Thursdays and 9.30am on Sundays before Sunday worship. The Thursday time has become an ecumenical meeting involving several other churches in Oakham. We have learnt to appreciate fellow believers' styles and focus in prayer.

There have also been specifically focused prayer events during the year – a week of prayer and 24 hours of prayer for the New Year. Also there have been two Quiet Days of organised spiritual reflection.

Spiritual Life has also been encouraged through the Alpha Course and the Bible Course. We have sought to disciple and encourage new believers during these sessions.

Plans for the future include : the continued practice of regular prayer times; arranging a specific prayer and meditation time at Easter; and establishing a discipleship/mentoring ministry encouraging personal one to one spiritual support and development.



Prayer with Playdoh- A creation themed prayer station

GOVERNANCE

From Lotty Brown- Deacon for Governance

At the start of 2024, Neil's time as a deacon came to an end and I took over. I'd like to thank him for all his hard work in this role and for all the help he has given me in the handover.

The process has begun to change to the church to a CIO and we will update when that has been completed.

The building project has made huge progress this year with architects presenting their plans at the public consultation which received positive responses from the local community and planning permission will be going in very soon.

This year we have welcomed Sue onto the staff team who takes up the role of Mission and Youth Enabler. We look forward to all that she has planned, including a trip with our young people to Limitless festival in the Summer.

Safeguarding

Nicky stepped down from her role and I want to thank her for everything that she has done. Ron is the designated person for safeguarding and Rachel and Janet are the deputy designated persons to speak to for any concerns or queries. Janet is taking a short break and will return to it soon. I will be handling all DBS checks for the moment.



A suspicious pilot surveys the nativity massacre at Tiddlers, Dec 23

PASTORAL LIFE

From Idy Olotu- Deacon overseeing pastoral matters

It has been such a great year though I started towards the middle of the year. Let me summarise what I've been doing by referring to the following passages - Matthew 25:34-40 KJV

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: [35] For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: [36] Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. [37] Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, and fed thee ? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? [38] When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee ? [39] Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? [40] And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

It has been a pleasure to visit the sick and elderly and to pray and encourage members of the church community.



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A FINAL WORD...

From Tom

I want to end with a prayer, thanking God for those who are no longer with us and for those who we have welcomed into the family.

Father this has been an amazing year for your people here at Oakham Baptist. I thank you for trusting us with the words of your Gospel, the power of your Truth and the presence of your Spirit.

We praise you for the saints you have called to glory over this last year and we long to share in your eternal presence too. Yet until we do, we ask for your support and strength for those who grieve and remain. May we, through our bonds of unity, embody all a Church should be; a Holy body, a whole body, a beautiful bride.

You reveal to us that there is joy in heaven over every sinner repented, and we long to continue to be your source of joy Lord. May we grow in number, may we increase in wisdom, may we flourish in discipleship and may we explode in faith as your church.

We praise and adore you, King of endless glory. To you be all strength, honour, power and glory now and forever.
Amen.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

Oakham Baptist Church

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2023	2022
Income				
Donations and Legacies				
Offerings	138,755	-	138,755	119,405
Tax Refunds	27,058	-	27,058	21,087
Grants	3,000	-	3,000	-
Legacies	-	13,000	13,000	419
Total Donations and Legacies	168,813	13,000	181,813	140,910
Investment Income	1,050	133	1,183	359
Charitable Activities	8,500	-	8,500	3,604
Total Income	178,362	13,133	191,496	144,873
Expenditure				
Charitable Activities				
Ministry	104,620	-	104,620	84,260
Mission	8,212	-	8,212	17,687
Establishment	31,603	-	31,603	28,914
Total Charitable Activities	144,436	-	144,436	130,862
Support Costs	22,814	-	22,814	12,182
Total Expenditure	167,249	-	167,249	143,044
Net Income / (Expenditure) before Gains & Losses on Investments	11,113	13,133	24,246	1,829
Net Income / (expenditure) for the year	11,113	13,133	24,246	1,829
Church Building Refurbishment				
Church Building Refurbishment	37,675	-	37,675	-
Total Church Building Refurbishment	37,675	-	37,675	-
Net Income less Expenditure Capitalised	(26,562)	13,133	(13,428)	1,829

Balance Sheet - Summary

Oakham Baptist Church As at 31 December 2023

	31 DEC 2023	31 DEC 2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Buildings		
Church		
Church Building - Valuation	1,360,000	1,360,000
Church Building Refurbishment	37,675	-
Total Church	1,397,675	1,360,000
Manse		
Manse Building/Property - Valuation	410,000	410,000
Total Manse	410,000	410,000
Total Buildings	1,807,675	1,770,000
Furniture & Fittings		
Furniture & Fittings	39,867	39,122
Furniture & Fittings Depreciation	(21,162)	(19,083)
Total Furniture & Fittings	18,705	20,039
Computer Equipment		
Computers & Equipment	13,068	10,180
Computers & Equipment Depreciation	(11,094)	(10,180)
Total Computer Equipment	1,974	-
Total Tangible Assets	1,828,353	1,790,039
Total Fixed Assets	1,828,353	1,790,039
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	216,010	244,938
Accounts Receivable	24,024	5,725
Total Current Assets	240,034	250,663
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Liabilities	3,438	-
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3,438	-
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	236,596	250,663
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	2,064,949	2,040,703
Net Assets	2,064,949	2,040,703
Fund Balances		
Net Income for the Year	24,246	1,829
Balance at Start of Year	2,040,703	2,038,873
Total Fund Balances	2,064,949	2,040,703

OAKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the, Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2015), FRS102 and with the Charities Act 2022.

Oakham Baptist church is a registered charity, no. 1130173 and meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognized at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

c Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received. Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognized when receivable and are included at fair value.

d Legacies

Legacies are accounted for at the earlier of the Estate accounts being finalised and notified and the legacy being received.

e Investment Income

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

f Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognized where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

g Costs of raising funds

The Church does not make formal appeals for funds, and expenditure on these items is therefore not material.

h Grants payable

The Church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects complement its work. They are accounted for when the recipient has been notified of the grant and payment is unconditional.

i Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the church but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs and governance costs. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

j Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are initially recognised at cost, or for donated assets, at a reasonable estimate of their value on receipt.

There is no reliable information available for the cost of the church premises and so on first time adoption of FRS102, the insurance value used previously was adopted as deemed cost.

k Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets, other than freehold land, to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over their expected useful life, at the following rates:

Freehold land	Nil
Buildings	Nil
Furniture and fittings	10%
Computers and equipment	33%

The non-depreciation of freehold buildings is an exception to UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles required for the the Financial Statements to show a true and fair view.

l Investment Assets

Investments are initially stated at cost. Subsequently they are measured at fair value with changes recognized in the Statement of Financial Activities if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. All other investment assets are shown at cost less impairment.

m Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

n Employee benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as an expense when they are due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in an independently administered fund.

Prior to 2012 pension provision was made through multi-employer defined benefit pension plans. Where it is not possible for the charity to obtain sufficient information to enable it to account for a plan as a defined benefit plan, it accounts for the plan as a defined contribution plan.

Where the plan is in deficit and where the charity has agreed, with the plan, to participate in a deficit funding arrangement, the charity recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the contributions payable under the agreement that relate to the deficit. This amount is expensed in the Statement of Financial Activities. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost.

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022
Offerings	£138,755	£0	£138,755	£119,405
Tax Refunds	£27,058	£0	£27,058	£21,086
Grants Received	£3,000	£0	£3,000	£0
Legacies	£0	£13,000	£13,000	£419
	£168,813	£13,000	£181,813	£140,910

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022
Bank Interest	£21	£0	£21	£16
Income from Investments	£1,029	£133	£1,162	£344
	£1,050	£133	£1,183	£360

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022
Ministry	£104,620	£0	£104,620	£82,416
Mission	£8,212	£0	£8,212	£18,976
Establishment	£31,603	£0	£31,603	£25,965
	£144,435	£0	£144,435	£129,379

5 Support Costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022
Finance	£645	£0	£645	£0
Office costs	£16,720	£0	£16,720	£11,470
Depreciation	£2,993	£0	£2,993	£2,227
Accountancy, Audit & Software (see note 8)	£1,584	£0	£1,584	£0
Of Which Governance:				
Professional Fees	£871	£0	£871	
Independent Examination	£0	£0	£0	£0
	£22,813	£0	£22,813	£13,697

6 Total Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022
Ministry	£104,620	£0	£104,620	£82,416
Mission	£8,212	£0	£8,212	£18,976
Establishment / Other	£54,417	£0	£54,417	£39,662
	£167,249	£0	£167,249	£141,054
Refurbishment of Buildings - Capitalised	£0	£37,674	£37,674	£0
Total	£167,249	£37,674	£204,923	£141,054

7 Grants payable

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total	2022
BUGB Home Mission	£4,800	£0	£4,800	£4,800
BMS World Mission	£0	£0	£0	£4,800
Salt Malawi	£1,200	£0	£1,200	£3,600
Other	£2,212	£0	£2,212	£5,776
	£8,212	£0	£8,212	£18,976

8 Net Income for the year is after charging

	2023	2022
Auditors / Independent Examiners' remuneration:		
Audit / Independent Examination	£0	£0
Payroll Services	£677	£0
Accounting Services	£0	£0
Software Provision	£907	£0
	<u>£1,584</u>	<u>£0</u>

9 Staff Costs and Trustees

		2023	2022
Salaries	Gross Salary	£75,886	£71,635
Social Security Costs	Employers National Insurance	£273	£0
Pension Costs	Employers Pension Contributions	£8,132	£9,650
		<u>£84,291</u>	<u>£81,285</u>

Average number of employees

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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year.

Enil in total was reimbursed to the Trustees in respect of expenses incurred as Trustees (2022 Enil).

10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church Premises	Manse	Furniture & Fittings	Computers & Equipment	Total
Cost - 1 January 2023			£39,122	£10,180	£49,302
Valuation 1 January 2023	£1,360,000	£410,000			£1,770,000
Revaluation	£0	£0			£0
Additions - Building Refurb Project	£37,674	£0			£37,674
Additions Misc F&F & Equipment			£745	£2,888	£3,633
31 December 2023	<u>£1,397,674</u>	<u>£410,000</u>	<u>£39,867</u>	<u>£13,068</u>	<u>£1,860,609</u>

Depreciation

1 January 2023	£0	£0	£19,083	£10,180	£29,263
Charge for the year			£2,079	£914	£2,993
31 December 2023	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£21,162</u>	<u>£11,094</u>	<u>£32,256</u>

Net Book Value

1 January 2023	<u>£1,360,000</u>	<u>£410,000</u>	<u>£20,039</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£1,790,039</u>
31 December 2023	<u>£1,397,674</u>	<u>£410,000</u>	<u>£18,705</u>	<u>£1,974</u>	<u>£1,828,353</u>

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
Accrued Income	£0	£5,725
Accounts Receivable	£24,024	£0
	<u>£24,024</u>	<u>£5,725</u>

12 Bank and Cash Balances

	2023	2022
Barclays Bank plc	£186,407	£215,400
COIF	£29,245	£29,112
Other (Stripe & Endis)	£357	£0
HSBC	£0	£426
Cash Floats	£0	£0
	<u>£216,009</u>	<u>£244,938</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
Accounts Payable	£1,871	£0
PAYE Payable	£2,116	£0
Pension Payable	£361	£0
Net Pay Payable	<u>-£910</u>	<u>£0</u>
	<u>£3,438</u>	<u>£0</u>

14 Restricted / Unrestricted Funds

	1 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	31 December 2023
Restricted Funds					
Building Fund	£165,966	£13,133	£0	£0	£179,099
Other	£2,535	£0	£0	£0	£2,535
Total Restricted Funds	£168,501	£13,133	£0	£0	£181,634
Unrestricted Funds	£1,872,201	£178,362	£167,249	£0	£1,883,314
Total Funds	£2,040,702	£191,495	£167,249	£0	£2,064,948

The Building Fund was established for the anticipated move to larger premises following growth within the Church

Funds Represented by:	Fixed Assets	Investments	Current Assets	Total 2023	Total 2022
Building Fund	£0	£0	£179,099	£179,099	£165,966
Other Restricted	£0	£0	£2,535	£2,535	£2,535
Unrestricted	£1,825,353	£0	£57,961	£1,883,314	£1,872,201
Total Funds	£1,825,353	£0	£239,595	£2,064,948	£2,040,702

15 Related Charities

The custodian Trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the (state) Baptist Association.

There were no transactions between the church and its related charities during the year.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Oakham Baptist Church

I report on the unaudited accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the preceding pages.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (annual income greater than £1million) but that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011);

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes: A) a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and B) 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 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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3 October 2024