

WEYMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023

At the end of 2022 we said '2023 will yet again be a year of challenge and change, as we seek to recruit our new Senior Minister and Youth Pastor'.

Recruiting a new Senior Minister through the Baptist Union network did not bear fruit, although we did hold two interviews. In September, we widened the advertising network outside the Baptist Union and received a considerable number of applicants from around the world. Support from our Interim Moderator during the continued period of the interregnum was exceptional.

We recruited a new part-time Youth & Children's Coordinator to continue the work amongst young people and children on a temporary contract until the new Senior Minister was appointed. Our youth and children's clubs continue to thrive, and many who attend are not 'churchgoers', and as such it is their only experience of 'church'.

Our part-time Pastoral Support Coordinator re-established the pastoral care team to provide a pastoral and visiting ministry. It is our desire that no-one connected with the Fellowship should ever be (or feel) overlooked.

We continued to encourage members of our own congregation to preach at our Sunday services during the interregnum and several outside speakers preached at our church.

A significant development in 2023 was when asylum seekers from the 'Bibby Stockholm' barge arrived at the Church one Sunday. Around 20 men continued to regularly attend Sunday morning services, and we provide translations of our worship songs for them each week. They are supported by our Fellowship in several ways, including one of our Elders setting up a 'WhatsApp' group for them. Several of them were baptised at the Church.

Two 'Alpha' courses were run in 2023, and many continued to meet after the courses ended, to air issues and ask questions, with several of them becoming Church members.

Many of our ministries continued to be 'volunteer hungry' in terms of numbers of leaders and volunteers required to enable them, not just to happen, but to grow.

Our over 50's group continues to grow in number. Their programme of events is varied, from monthly walks to trips away together.

Regarding other ministries associated with the Church, the Foodbank continued to operate from the building twice weekly. The Lord continues to bless this work abundantly, with both donations of food and finance. Two not-for-profit community shops and a public café continued to thrive, providing cheap, good quality, nutritious food for those on limited disposable income. Both ministries work closely and regularly supported the local Christians Against Poverty (CAP) group in Weymouth.

Since our staffing costs were significantly reduced in 2023, we were able to build our reserves, and pay for further essential work to improve the fabric of the building. One major project is to provide disabled access to the building. Whilst we hope to be given a grant towards this substantial cost, we are aware that we may need to make a significant financial contribution to this much needed facility.

We look forward to 2024 with hope and faith for the appointment of a new Senior Minister.

Weymouth Baptist Church Income & Expenditure 2023 - GENERAL FUND

INCOME

Offerings	115432.10		
Gift Aid	25421.54		
Room Hire	3500.00		Balance at 1-1-2023
Interest	1111.95		£38,405.37
Donations	342.00		
Photocopying	48.60		
From a funeral	150.00		Total Income
In mem - M Best	30.00		£150,239.20
From Celdh	75.00	146111.09	Total Expenditure
			£115,713.30
Income to offset against expenditure			Excess of Income over Expenditure
Gift for Alpha weekend	435.00		£34,525.90
Gifts for YP food	213.62		
Gifts for Treasures food	169.82		
Coach Trip income	393.00		Balance at 31-12-2023
Gifts for Spree	663.00		£69,931.27
SSE rebate	1717.17		
Income for WOEC trip	86.50		
Income for Street Party	450.00	4128.11	
	£150,239.20		

EXPENDITURE

Salaries			Youth		
Pastors	-53.91		Cell food	438.62	
Tim Ogutu	5305.12		Christmas party	78.64	
Jayne Newton	4352.75		From YB to GB Camp	100.00	
Jonathan Greening	8872.72		GB Fees	375.40	
Pete Millner	8840.00		Lights	42.98	
Cleaner	4316.70		Youth phone	98.22	
Administrator	6616.10		Software	12.98	
Superannuation - PMM	12.00		Stationery	52.37	
Superannuation - Timo	316.50		Student Care Packs	133.98	
Superannuation - PJM	530.40		Urban Saints renewal	252.00	
Superannuation - JLN	261.17		Youth food	870.33	
National Insurance	27.45	37397.00	Miscellaneous	131.57	
			Day out at WOEC	204.00	
Pastoral Expenses			Yth Alpha breakfasts	24.95	2814.25
Mrs J Newton	183.60				
		183.60	Kid's Club		
			Miscellaneous	182.33	
Manse Expenses			Kid's Club food	582.32	744.65
Council Tax	2985.67				
Water	1425.36		Treasures		
Gas & Electricity	1181.21	5592.24	Equipment	26.19	
			Stationery	37.78	
Church Expenses			Treasures food	235.08	
Gas	2624.41		Miscellaneous	140.20	439.25
Electricity	2205.00				
Water Rate	178.24		Subscriptions		
Insurance	4303.70		Evangelical Alliance subscription	150.00	
Phone & Internet	470.53		BLI subscription	648.90	
Pulpit Supply	1195.00	10976.88	Refresh	100.00	
			Information Commissioner's Office	35.00	833.90
Mission					
BMS World Mission	3500.00		AV/Computer/Equipment		
Baptist Home Mission	2500.00		Discs & batteries	106.82	
CAP	1000.00		Webcam	29.99	
Claire Atkin	1000.00		Cable protector	22.99	
Bringing Good News	200.00		AV chairs	159.98	
Zeka and Nita	480.00		Wireless microphone	34.99	
Eagles Wings	600.00		Bluetooth speaker	129.89	484.76
Ben Lucas	1000.00				
Ydson Beloni	1000.00		Other equipment		
Street Pastors	200.00		Printer for PJM	129.00	
Jayne Newton	500.00		Keyboard	9.95	
Megs Dennis	800.00		Office PC	487.99	
The Nest	1000.00		Henry hoover	159.00	
Barge Fund	1320.00	15000.00	TV and accessories	328.87	
			Phone for administrator	180.00	1272.81
Evangelism					
Alpha food	885.77		Sundries		
Alpha weekends away	2195.00		Bank Charges	60.00	
Alpha materials	170.98	3251.75	Offertory envelopes	34.22	
			Tea, coffee & squash	201.33	
Printing			PAT calibration	115.14	
Printing	218.60		Minister search expenses	874.96	
Photocopier	1091.77		Disposables	751.46	
Paper	94.80	1405.17	Kitchen expenses	44.89	
			Church123 website	249.00	
Fabric - General			First Aid kits	52.07	
Emergency lighting	6761.32		TV Licence	159.00	
Parlour carpet	3360.00		Flowers & gifts	87.00	
Sash Window Doctor	3045.00		Stationery	344.85	
Scaffolding for sash widows	1578.40		Communion wine	3.38	
New boiler for office	2731.40		Zoom annual subscription	143.88	
Leaded light window repair	1825.00		Gift to Colin Norris	25.00	
Painting new windows	1391.52		Gift to Mike Steer	1000.00	
Chubb - fire extinguisher contract	613.63		Domain registration	18.80	
Manse trees attack	888.00		Postage	274.20	
Manse decorating	801.97		Flower Fund	60.00	
Fire alarm repair & maintenance	811.60		Farewell cake	70.00	
Gas leak investigation	142.20		Gift to Rev M Steer (BSB)	100.00	
Heater repairs	252.00		Street Party expenses	523.68	
Dishwasher repair	96.78		Mystery coach tour	525.00	
Electrical inspection & repairs	534.00		Archive centre	7.00	
Fire marshal training	354.00		Spree expenses	853.23	
Lock & keys for South Parade door	112.50		Christmas Tree	149.99	
Roof leak repairs	377.00		Julie Dunn - worship evening	130.00	
Small jobs	248.33		Refreshments for Youth service	41.68	
Cleaning Materials	783.10	26707.75	St. Andrew's church hall hire	32.00	
			Table cloths	75.93	7106.67
Music					
CCLI - Licences	1301.10	1301.10			
Training					
Messy Grace books	101.52	101.52			
			TOTAL		£115,713.30

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2023

	31-12-22			31-12-23
Assets	£			£
Cash & at Bank				
Current account & cash	34603.08			73686.89
Savings account	5084.95			5133.35
Total	<u>39688.03</u>			<u>78820.24</u>
Other GB Funds	126.19			21.32
GB Camp	11.77			84.69
Weyfinders	34.73			22.73
Grand Total	<u>39860.72</u>			<u>78948.98</u>
Allocation of funds	Opening balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing balance
General Fund	35405.37	150287.15	115761.25	69931.27
GB General	1997.99	1694.38	2647.38	1044.99
GB Camp	590.15	1562.14	1651.78	500.51
Corina's Fund	123.00	1202.50	1218.00	107.50
Sponsor's Fund	487.50	375.00	712.50	150.00
Food Bank	0.00	2435.00	2435.00	0.00
Megs Dennis	0.00	2000.00	0.00	2000.00
BCDO	632.46	0.00	0.00	632.46
HotS	162.26	0.00	0.00	162.26
BS Barge	0.00	1485.22	0.00	1485.22
Sunday School	311.47	0.00	0.00	311.47
Weyfinders	45.30	12.00	24.00	33.30
Breakfast Fund	105.22	0.00	105.22	0.00
Shining Light	0.00	3040.00	450.00	2590.00
Non Budget	0.00	430.00	430.00	0.00
	<u>39860.72</u>			<u>78948.98</u>

The Weymouth Baptist Church is administered by the Trustees.

N Hardisty - for and on behalf of the Trustees.

Audited and found correct.



R S Hawes

24th January 2024