

# **WEYMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **TRUSTEED ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

The year has seen significant staff changes after two years of waiting for God to make everyone aware of His choices for the future work of WBC. The new Youth Pastor took up his role in September 2023 and when we readvertised the post of Senior Pastor he applied – along with a good number of other people. The number of applicants was reduced to three for interview and it was the unanimous decision that our Youth Pastor should be offered the role of Senior Pastor - which he gladly accepted. As a consequence the church started the search for a new Youth Pastor and within a few months the vacancy was filled on a part-time basis. Both of these appointments have resulted in a new energy in the church as we seek the Lord at the start of a new chapter and we have definitely seen signs of growth and commitment.

One of the slightly unusual but amazing experiences for the church was the weekly attendance of many of the asylum seekers housed on the Bibby Stockholm Barge in Portland Harbour. Those guys were a real blessing to the church and in return WBC was a great blessing to them. On occasions there were over 30 attending morning worship. We had many baptismal services through the year when men who were Christians, but lived in fear in their own countries, were able to profess their faith publicly. We were indebted to a Baptist minister resident in Dorchester who had ministered for years in Iran and was fluent in Farsi. Each Sunday the song words were translated and printed so that everyone could participate in the music worship. This time was not without its difficulties as the national press was quick to seize on the possibilities of the men professing faith as a means of obtaining their asylum. That certainly did not happen with us. A small team of church members saw the need to help prepare meals with the men and put on events to which everyone was invited. It was a God given opportunity to befriend these men and help them settle into life in the UK. Towards the end of the year the government removed all asylum seekers from the barge and we lost a lot of friends who were sent to different parts of the UK. We trust that their time at WBC will strengthen them for their future life whatever it might bring them and we know that they will have been blessed by their time with us.

The Youth and Children's work has seen an increase in numbers and growth in faith which has been very encouraging. We are blessed with adults who give of their time and talents to work with the youngsters and many of them travelled together to share in the Spree weekend with hundreds of other young people. We are looking forward to increasing our staff in 2025 and seeing further growth in this area of ministry.

The biggest expense faced by the church in many years is that of installing a disabled access lift in the welcome area and doing extensive repair and replacement work on the roof. There has been much planning in 2024 with a view to having the work done in 2025. Financially the church has been saving up during the pastoral vacancy but it will need to have a dedicated Giving Day in 2025 in order to meet the cost. The deacons have been working hard to make this possible and we trust God for His provision for our needs.

The eldership and pastoral support team have also been very busy looking after the needs of our growing congregation and we are blessed with a strong leadership team as the church moves forward. The midweek outreach and discipleship group has run another Alpha course and continues to provide other courses for ongoing spiritual growth.

Our members continue to be very active in the local community being heavily involved in the Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, The Nest social supermarket and the Foodbank to name but three. The Christian influence in the town through social action is strong through many different churches working together and WBC certainly plays its part in this work.

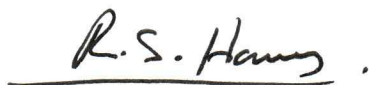
**Weymouth Baptist Church Accounts for the year ending 31-12-2024**

**Balance Sheet**

	<b>At 1-1-24</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31-12-24</b>
WBC	71751.56	169357.59	156861.49	84247.66
GB	1044.99	2460.33	2545.38	959.94
GB Camp	427.59	1776.99	1543.30	661.28
Corina's Fund	107.50	1130.00	1218.00	19.50
Sponsor's Fund	150.00	375.00	0.00	525.00
Foodbank	0.00	2339.83	2339.83	0.00
Breakfast Fund	105.22	0.00	0.00	105.22
HOTS	162.26	0.00	0.00	162.26
Sinday School	311.47	0.00	0.00	311.47
Weyfinders	33.30	14.50	24.00	23.80
Big Ch Day Out	632.46	0.00	0.00	632.46
Megan Dennis	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	0.00
Shining Light Fund	2590.00	197.00	364.66	2422.34
BSB	60.00	1648.55	1708.55	0.00
Non-Budget	0.00	1201.56	1201.56	0.00
HMF & BMS	0.00	555.00	555.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>79376.35</b>	<b>181056.35</b>	<b>170361.77</b>	<b>90070.93</b>

Audited and found correct.

R S Hawes



31 January 2025

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# WBC Expenditure Income 2024

## EXPENDITURE

<b>Salaries</b>			<b>Fabric</b>		
Pete Millner	29,788.17		<b>Disabled access</b>		
Ben Moss	7,078.50		Crickmay Stark Architects	5,808.90	
Jonathan Greening	7,080.00		Building Control Fee Dorset Council	672.00	6,480.90
Cleaner	4,186.00		<b>Fire safety</b>		
Administrator	8,184.00		Fire Protection work	11,070.00	
Superannuation - PJM	1,932.44		Fire Safety - checks, lights & alarms	4,969.64	
Superannuation - BM	421.20		Chubb - fire extinguishers	309.73	16,349.37
Superannuation - BU	10.00		<b>Roof</b>		
		58,680.31	Roof surveys	900.00	
<b>Manse Expenses</b>			Flat roof repair	292.00	
Council Tax	3,530.00		Gutter cleaning	128.00	1,320.00
Housing expemses	1,257.09		<b>Manse</b>		
Water	1,546.08		Shower & plumbing	1,722.00	
Gas & Electricity	1,739.70		Boiler repair	372.24	
Telephone	157.80		Carpets	5,323.20	
		8,230.67	Window repair & replacement	588.00	
<b>Pastoral expenses</b>			Cooker	519.99	
Conference	204.00		Bath screen and track	102.00	
Parking	250.70		Exterior pipe work & guttering	545.00	
Spree	176.00		Lighting	126.00	
JDG phone	126.24		Paint	235.74	
		756.94	Toilet tiling and new seat	470.00	10,004.17
<b>Church Expenses</b>			<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Gas	2,235.54		New gents toilet	270.00	
Electricity	4,266.46		Water heater for coffee bar	300.00	
Water Rate	184.19		Sash window repairs	1,210.00	
Insurance	4,480.74		Boiler service	84.00	
Phone & internet	547.83		Electrical repairs	642.00	
Pulpit Supply	300.00		Timing clock	100.45	
Card Reader	719.50		Toilet repairs	135.12	
		12,734.26	Toilet window repair	65.00	
<b>Mission</b>			PAT calibration	115.14	
BMS	3,500.00		Keys	91.75	
Home Mission	2,500.00		Sundry bits & bobs	94.81	
Ben Lucas - Missional Listener	1,000.00		Cleaning Materials	1,071.57	4,179.84
Jayne Newton	750.00				
Eagles Wings	500.00		<b>Total Fabric</b>	38,334.28	
Street Pastors	100.00				
CAP	1,000.00		<b>Youth</b>		
CAP (Claire Atkin)	1,000.00		Cell food	463.97	
Ydson	500.00		Youth Food	812.79	
Spread the Word	200.00		Spree food	248.11	
Zeka and Nita	450.00		Christmas parties	285.22	
The Barge	745.00		Sanctuary trip	75.00	
Malcolm Steer	1,500.00		Trip to Escape Dungeon	180.00	
The Nest	1,000.00		Carving kits & Pumpkins	40.99	
Welcome Churches	600.00		Stationery	221.00	
Vulnerable children in the Amazon	250.00		Urban Saints renewal	252.00	
Fresh Start	500.00		Pete Millner - expenses	88.50	
		16,095.00	Youth expenses	105.46	
<b>Evangelism</b>			From YB to GB Camp	220.00	
Alpha food	604.32		GB Fees	374.75	3,367.79
		604.32	<b>Kid's Club</b>		
<b>Printing</b>			Kid's Club food	321.07	321.07
Printing	171.28		<b>Treasures</b>		
Photocopier	983.97		Equipment	74.06	
Paper	152.40	1,307.65	Treasures food	254.26	328.32
<b>Music</b>			<b>Total Youth</b>	4,017.18	
CCLI - Licences	1,366.48				
		1,366.48	<b>WBC Total Expenditure</b>		
<b>Training</b>					156,861.49
Mentoring	750.00				
Growing on the Front Line	125.00	875.00			

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# WBC Expenditure Income 2024

## Subscriptions

BU subscription	638.00	
Refresh	120.00	
Information Commissioner's Office	35.00	
		793.00

## AV/Computer/Equipment

Hand held microphones	509.00	
External hard drive	47.99	
AV	684.00	
Microphones	575.00	
New speakers	3,050.00	
		4,865.99

## Sundries

Bank Charges	60.75	
Offertory envelopes	37.64	
Tea, coffee & squash	312.94	
Nativity set	78.99	
Worship conference	340.00	
Disposables	640.31	
Kitchen expenses	312.43	
Church123 website	249.00	
Laptop lock	23.90	
TV Licence	169.50	
Flowers & gifts	77.50	
Manse BBQ	231.46	
Meals	55.27	
Zoom annual subscription	155.88	
Christmas lights	17.50	
Parking permits	80.00	
Domain registration	16.80	
Postage	303.85	
Pudding party	873.02	
Gift to Malcolm Steer	1,000.00	
Gift to the Millners	120.00	
Reading lights	47.94	
Spree expenses	332.00	
Leaders' awayday	267.00	
Mission Fund 2023	500.00	
Pre marriage journals	53.99	
Induction meal	121.81	
Manse chimney clean	65.00	
Removals	1,471.20	
Lee Abbey lunch	37.40	
Jayne Newton's ordination tea	119.38	
Register book	27.95	
		8,200.41

## INCOME

Offerings	129,989.52
Gift Aid	26,279.31
Room Hire	2,985.00
Interest	1,918.07
Gifts:	
Fabric	4,000.00
Disabled access	950.00
Sound equipment	1,000.00
General use	1,055.00
Mustard Seed for Harvest	1,000.00
Donations to Treasures	165.19
Photocopying	15.50

**WBC Total income £169,357.59**

**WBC Total Expenditure £156,861.49**

**Excess of income over expenditure £12,496.10**

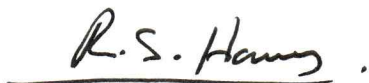
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