

Hertford Baptist Church

'Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ'

Port Hill
Hertford

A registered place of worship

Registered Charity No 1131979

Report of the Trustees

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Accounts

1 January - 31 December 2022

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Report of the Trustees and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statement of the charity for the year ending 31st of December 2022 which is also prepared to meet the requirements for the Trustees report and accounts for submission to the Charity Commission.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the 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 2015). The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved the adoption of the 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) for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has been withdrawn.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken note of all the requirements and guidance issued by the Charity Commission including the specific guidance for religious charities on public benefit. The charity's policy is to prepare its accounts on an accruals basis and comply with approved accounting standards.

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OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

The Core Purpose of the Church is "Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ." Our vision and value statements define the nature of the Church and its vision for growth. The church seeks to encourage individual members to demonstrate these values in their own lives and the Calls to Action of the church are expressed as 'Meet God', 'Make Friends', 'Make a Difference'.

The Church follows the doctrinal basis contained in its governing document and seeks to apply this in today's society and culture.

The Church's principal aim is to advance the Christian faith in Hertford and surrounding areas and through the Christian church nationally and worldwide, and to serve the spiritual, emotional, moral and physical needs of the local community. To help fulfil these objectives, Hertford Baptist Church maintains a registered place of worship and associated buildings, for Christian worship, fellowship, teaching and community activities.

Public worship services are conducted every Sunday morning on the premises, which attract around 120 people from the local community each week. In addition, a range of evening and weekday activities are provided for all ages and many sections of society, to which all are welcome. To achieve the benefits of smaller scale group activities, Home Groups meet weekly for learning, mutual encouragement and support.

In addition to our core purpose of the advancement of the Christian faith, and as an expression of that core purpose, the church seeks to provide additional public benefit through the provision of activities such as lunches for the elderly and breakfasts for men (both once a month), and a youth club run on the premises in conjunction with Hertford Young Life, Port Hill Toddler Club, Home Start meet weekly in the church premises and Place of Welcome, a weekly coffee drop in centre.

We continue engagement with the local community through projects including the Food Bank, Street Pastors and Future Hope (working with young people dealing with crises such as addiction, mental health problems and family breakdown), and facilitating a branch of a Christians Against Poverty (CAP) centre. The church also supports a variety of projects caring for the poorest and neediest around the world through social action and evangelism.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Staff

Rev. Andrew Clark, has continued as Pastor & Ministry Team Leader until 31st July 2022 when he moved to another ministry on the Island of Arran.

Dawn Weston, has continued as Team Leader for Pastoral Care & Prayer.

John Goligher has continued to work as Finance Administrator.

Anna Saunders has continued as Office Secretary and a part time cleaner remains in post.

ACTIVITIES and ORGANISATIONS

This has been a year of transition and the church continued to build-back from the COVID restrictions and adapt to the departure of the Pastor and Ministry Team Leader in July 2022. The church has strived to re-establish and develop all its major areas of work during the year through this period of change.

Weekly 9.15 Sunday morning services have been streamed live on Facebook offering those who are unable or lacking confidence to attend physical gatherings to participate in public worship, prayer, readings and reflection.

Services of public worship are conducted every Sunday morning on the premises, which attracted around 120 people from the local community each week. Initially sermons were video recorded and uploaded to Facebook a few hours later, but from September this moved to regular live streaming of much of the service that has led to greater participation.

Children's and young people's activities are also provided on Sunday mornings and at other times.

Monthly Sunday evening gatherings for informal worship and prayer were started in January 2022.

Activities for Seniors were progressively restarted, with afternoon teas, CAMEO and full Golden Lunches restarting in March 2022.

In-person Communion was held in August 2022 for the first time since lockdown with appropriate precautions.

The Crosslinks group particularly for adults (18+) with learning disabilities was restarted in September 2022 by a refreshed team of volunteers after a detailed review of the risk framework and plan.

Early in 2022, a lounge was refitted as a Prayer Room, creating a comfortable quiet space to draw aside for reflection and prayer. This is open from 09:00 to 14:00 each weekday.

In cooperation with Hertford Churches Together, a Warm Hub was opened in November 2022, providing a warm and friendly environment with refreshments for those struggling to heat their homes. This was widely advertised and open to everyone, although take-up was limited.

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These and many other activities and initiatives have only been possible with the dedication of volunteers from the fellowship who have given of their time, resources and energy throughout the year, especially after the Pastor moved on in July. We are also particularly indebted to Dawn Weston, the only remaining member of the Ministry Team, whose flexibility and commitment has been remarkable.

Significant pastoral work continues to support members and the community through the challenges and complexities of life.

There were 180 Church Members at the end of the year.

It also became possible during the year to carry out building improvements including the fitting of a new kitchen with commercial extraction system and dishwasher; an upgrade to the heating system to improve energy efficiency and reliability; and fitting replacement windows to the Youth Lounge and Crèche, improving safety and energy efficiency.

The Church has been pleased to continue working with the Young Life organisation in Hertford, hosting their youth club in the church premises on a weekly basis.

Future Hope, 'helping people in crisis gain hope and a future', focussing primarily on young people ages 11-19, continued to be supported by members of the Church.

The Hertford Foodbank continues to draw volunteers from Hertford Baptist Church and other churches in Hertford. Many people are involved in the organisation and there is a good partnership with other agencies working in the community.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Hertford Baptist Church is a charity registered with the Charity Commission No. 1131979, constituted as an Unincorporated Charitable Association. It is governed by a Foundation Trust Deed dated 16 November 1903 enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature on the 21 November 1903, by a constitution approved by the Charity Commission on 5 October 2009 and by Declaration of The Baptist Trusts for Churches 2003 and the Baptist Trusts for Manses 2004, dated 18 April 2006. The church is the beneficial owner of freehold property in Hertford, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee, the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd.

Following consultation with Church Members, the Constitution was amended by resolution at a Special Church Meeting held on 22 March 2022, to allow Members who had been baptised other than by immersion to be appointed as Trustees.

Appointment of trustees

Hertford Baptist Church is a fully independent organisation and the Church Members' Meeting, normally held six times a year, is the decision-making body. The Church Members' Meeting appoints Deacons who act as trustees. The appointment of trustees requires the support of not less than 50% eligible votes cast. Deacons are appointed for a period of three years and may serve for two consecutive periods of three years before being required to stand down for a minimum of one year. Two officers, a Secretary and a Treasurer, are elected annually and are ex officio Deacons.

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and trustees. Information is provided for those considering offering themselves for election as deacons and trustees, as is induction and ongoing training for those elected.

Organisation

The day-to-day programme and spiritual welfare of the church is the responsibility of the pastors, in consultation with the Leadership and Staff Teams.

Individual deacons have a lead role in various aspects of the church's ministry. The pastor, deacons and trustees meet monthly to determine, approve and monitor the strategy and programme of the church, to receive financial reports, and to undertake the management responsibilities of the charity, and for prayer. They meet annually for an extended meeting to consider strategic development.

Hertford Baptist Church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, its regional organisation the Central Baptist Association, and a number of other organisations with which it identifies, including the Evangelical Alliance and the local ecumenical group, Hertford and District Churches Together.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

With the exception of Pastors, who by nature of their appointment are trustees and also paid employees, none of the charity's other trustees receive remuneration or other benefits from their work with the charity as trustee. John Goligher is employed as the financial administrator for the church and was appointed to this position in November 2014. He was re-appointed as Church Treasurer in January 2021, a role for which he is not remunerated.

Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity with a supplier or external organisation must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year, no such related transactions were reported.

Various organisations are associated with the church and their leaders are appointed by the Church Members' Meeting. Some of these small organisations keep their own accounts and have separate bank accounts; none exceed £5,000 in income or expenditure per annum. Other unrelated organisations, which are compatible with the church's values, use the church premises and usually pay a nominal fee for doing so. There are no other legal or formal links with related parties.

Pay policy for senior staff

The pay of senior staff (including Pastors) is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. In view of the nature of the charity, the trustees consider the advice of 'The Baptist Union of Great Britain' when setting pay levels.

Risk management

A policy of continuous risk assessment and review is adopted. A suite of policies has been agreed by the Church Meeting, including a Health & Safety Policy. These policies are reviewed annually, and any revisions reported to the members at the AGM in May.

A range of risk assessments, action plans and work activities are carried out periodically. Built on a model document from the Baptist Union, a combined Safeguarding Policy and Procedures for Children, Young People and Adults at Risk has been adopted and is reviewed and adopted annually.

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The Pension and BUGB Trustees sent a joint communication at the end of July 2022 to participating churches stating that the pension scheme was no longer in deficit. Resulting in the monthly debt calculations ceasing and the deficit contribution reducing to £1 per month.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial income is derived from voluntary donations and regular giving by church members and those who attend the church, supplemented by contributions to activities by those taking part, and some income from the hiring of the premises. Donations during the year of £145,484 were received through regular offerings. This was a decrease on the previous year and the budgeted target.

A significant proportion of the church's income is given, by way of donations, to Christian mission and relief groups and training colleges, to individuals in training for Christian service; people engaged in Christian work, mostly overseas and through their commissioning organisations. These grants are approved annually by the Church Members' Meeting and no commitment is made to grants in advance or to future funding, with the funding for such grants being received during the year of payment. During 2022 the church was able, through the generosity of members and friends, to make donations to external causes amounting to £23,458 or about 11% of total non-capital expenditure. A pastoral care fund is also available for immediate relief of need. Full disclosure of material grants made is included in the notes to the accounts including the names of individuals ultimately benefiting from material amounts.

Reserves at the end of the year stood at £211,915. The Baptist Union defined pension is no longer in deficit therefor the provision of £100,000 is no longer required. The Trustees have taken the decision to add the £100,000 to the free reserves total.

The trustees consider the free reserve of £211,915 to be adequate for the future purposes of the church for the coming year.

Funds are 'restricted' when given for a specific purpose and generally these are disbursed before the end of the financial year. 'Designated' funds are funds designated by the trustees for a particular purpose, and in the interests of clarity, the tangible fixed assets of the church (land, buildings, fixtures, and fittings) which are not normally available for general purposes are held as designated funds. The expectation is that funds will be used for the furtherance of the Church's objectives in the year received and there are no specific investment powers. The policy is that reserves of unrestricted funds (free reserves) should normally be not less than the equivalent of 3 months' expenditure and not exceed 12 months' expenditure. Reserves are currently the equivalent 4 months budgeted expenditure, and the trustees consider this adequate for the year ahead. Reserve funds should be readily accessible. Cash investments should be retained in high interest, instant access, bank accounts.

The property should be used to further the aims of the Church and not used for investment purposes, except for short-term letting of the temporarily vacant housing.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

With the departure of the Rev. Andrew Clark in July 2022, it was necessary to establish methods by which activities and purpose of the church could continue and develop in healthy new ways. This could only be achieved by the active involvement of church members and the wider church community in the work and ministry. Many have stepped forward to take on new roles and duties, and it is heartening to see the breadth of engagement across the church family.

Going forward, a priority will be to extend, support and train these volunteers and many others to effectively minister within the church across all areas of activity.

Preparations, both individual and collective are being made to prepare for the next phase of growth as we seek to move beyond the church into the community around, to engage with and support those for whom the Christian faith is unfamiliar and attending church an alien experience.

In consultation with members, a Church Profile has been developed which sets out their aspirations for the future and the expectations of those who will be recruited to join the ministry team.

Utilising the Pastoral Vacancy recruitment facilities provided by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and word of mouth introductions, the search has begun for two people to join the ministry team. The members have appointed a Search Committee to be responsible for process and to make recommendations to the trustees.

The authority to call a minister(s) lies exclusively with the church members on the recommendation of the Deacons and trustees.

Virtual meetings continue to be employed regularly alongside in person activities and this hybrid model of interacting is expected to continue and become a regular aspect of the ongoing work of the church. Much greater use and acceptance of online services and social media also changes the way communications and engagement operates and will develop further.

The Hope Fund has proved a particularly effective vehicle for supporting and blessing individuals both in the wider community and within the church fellowship. Most of the funds initially raised during the Pandemic had been disbursed, but the 2022 Easter Thank Offering was allocated to replenishing the Hope Fund, so that this aspect of care and support of those in need can continue.

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE

No funds are held on behalf of others as Custodian Trustee.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity number:	1131979
Church office:	13/15 Chambers Street, Hertford SG14 1PL
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Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc, 5/6 Market Place, Hertford SG14 1DF
Solicitors:	Longmores, 24 Castle Street, Hertford SG14 1HP
Auditors:	Cansdales Audit LLP, Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors, St. Marys Court, The Broadway, Amersham HP7 0UT

TRUSTEES

Rev. Andrew Clark	Resigned 31 st July 2022
Dawn Weston	Team Leader for Pastoral Care & Prayer
John Goligher	Treasurer *
Paula Hine	
John Low	Church Secretary *
Paul Nicholson	
David Snell	
Sheila Knowles	Appointed 24 th May 2022
Hannah Harding	Appointed 24 th May 2022
Ian Davis	Appointed 24 th May 2022
Tim Strong	Term ended 24 th May 2022
Carey White	Term ended 24 th May 2022

* Church officers are appointed or re-appointed annually by members vote at the Annual General Meeting in May.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Constitution as Amended 22nd March 2022. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Diaconate on the 16th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Thomas John S Golligher Treasurer/Trustee



John Low Chair of Trustees

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Hertford Baptist Church For the year ended 31 December 2022

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hertford Baptist Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity.
- We communicated identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. We examined and discussed with management any known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- The audit team discussed whether there were any areas that were susceptible to misstatement as part of their fraud discussion.
- In addressing the risk of management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries with a focus on large or unusual transactions based on criteria determined using our knowledge of the organisation and industry. We also challenged assumptions and judgements made.
- We incorporated an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures.

- Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud, including bribery and non compliance

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

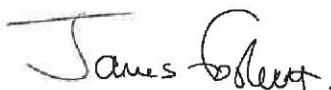
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (ie. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mr James Foskett (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Cansdales Audit LLP
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17 May 2023
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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Income from:						
Donations and legacies						
Regular Offerings		145,484	-	-	145,484	148,636
Special Gifts & Legacies		2,622	37,552	2,299	42,473	43,120
Thankoffering		-	6,960	-	6,960	4,350
Gift Aid recoverable		29,512	2,007	210	31,729	39,239
Charitable activities		1,472	-	-	1,472	1,205
Investments - bank interest		968	-	-	968	511
Other						
Use of property		38,465	-	-	38,465	33,277
Repayments		316	-	-	316	166
Government furlough schemes		-	-	-	-	-
Total		218,839	46,519	2,509	267,867	270,504
Expenditure on:						
Charitable Activities						
Local Ministry	Note 3	163,136	73,049	-	236,185	248,562
Support Costs	Note 4	11,473	-	-	11,473	13,275
Grants payable:						
National Mission	Note 5	12,968	-	292	13,260	10,800
World Mission	Note 5	18,510	-	4,948	23,458	35,162
Future Mission	Note 5	-	-	-	-	3,000
Thankoffering & Special	Note 5	-	-	-	-	6,770
Total	Note 6	206,087	73,049	5,240	284,376	317,569
Net Income/(expenditure)		12,752	(26,530)	(2,731)	(16,509)	(47,065)
Transfers between Funds		(30,664)	31,389	(725)	-	-
		(17,912)	4,859	(3,456)	(16,509)	(47,065)
Other recognised Gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes		100,000	-	-	100,000	-
Net Movement in Funds		82,088	4,859	(3,456)	83,491	(47,065)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total Funds Brought Forward						
	Notes 15, 16 & 17	129,827	2,018,301	5,390	2,153,518	2,200,583
Total Funds Carried Forward						
	Notes 15, 16 & 17	211,915	2,023,160	1,934	2,237,009	2,153,518

There are no recognised gains and losses other than the result for the year. All of the Church's activities are classed as continuing.

The notes numbered 1 to 20 form part of these accounts

Analysis of the comparative funds in the previous year (2021) is provided in Note 9.

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	£	£
Fixed Assets:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	Note 11	1,975,737	2,012,591
Current Assets:			
Debtors	Note 12	31,709	39,208
Cash at bank and in hand	Note 13	238,092	215,333
Total current assets		269,801	254,541
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	Note 14	(8,529)	(13,613)
Net current assets or liabilities		261,272	240,928
Total assets less current liabilities		2,237,009	2,253,519
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	Note 14	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
Net assets or liabilities excluding pension asset or liability		2,237,009	2,253,519
Defined benefit pension scheme asset or liability		-	(100,000)
Total net assets or liabilities		2,237,009	2,153,519
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted	Note 15	211,915	129,827
Designated	Note 16	2,023,160	2,018,301
Restricted	Note 17	1,934	5,390
		2,237,009	2,153,518

Approved by the Diaconate on 14th May 2023 and signed on their behalf


by, Thomas John S Goligher, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a. Basis of Preparation

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2019), FRS102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. Hertford Baptist Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

b. Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

In order to assess the appropriateness of the going concern assumption basis, the Trustees have considered the church's financial position, liquidity, unrestricted reserves and forecasts for the foreseeable future taking into account the principal risks to which the charity is exposed. Recognising the uncertainty associated with predicting the economic impact of Covid-19 in particular, the Trustees have considered the impact of a severe economic outcome on Hertford Baptist Church and the effectiveness of management actions that might be taken to mitigate the impact of this stress. Trustees have also considered the circumstances under which the activities of the church would be unable to continue. After taking into account the current level of the charity's cash and reserves and the financial performance since 31 December 2022, the Trustees have concluded that the risk of this situation occurring is remote.

Accordingly, and after making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least twelve months from the date of signing of this report.

On this basis these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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c. Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

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 more likely than not that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Legacies are accounted for when probate has been completed, the amount of the legacy can be reliably quantified and the conditions of the legacy are within the control of the church. One such legacy has been notified and received for the current year (2022). No such legacy was notified in the previous year (2021).

d. Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt. No such services or facilities have been donated in the current (2022) or previous (2021) years.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the church members and wider church fellowship is not recognised in financial terms. Refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

e. Interest Receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

f. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the church.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. In the event of the intended purpose not requiring the money such funds could be returned to general use. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the church's work or for specific projects supported by the church. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

The church has no endowment funds.

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g. Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is classified as relating to charitable activities. These activities are further classified between:

- Local Ministry (to which all governance and support costs are attributed)
- Grants payable

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h. Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the church but do not directly represent charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, payroll and other professional services and governance costs which support the church's activities. These costs have been allocated entirely to local ministry. Decisions on the awarding of grants do not incur support costs as they are made by the church members in the church meeting, based on information provided by the trustees and other members. No support staff time is attributable to the grant awarding process.

i. Operating leases

The church classifies the lease of the office printer/copier as an operating lease; the title to the equipment remains with the lessor and the equipment is replaced every 5 years while the economic life of such equipment is normally 5 years. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j. Tangible fixed assets

In December 2011 all freehold land and buildings were surveyed and revalued at current market rates by Iain Davies MRICS and on the advice of the auditors values for land and buildings were assessed separately. The church and halls are shown at their fair value for realistic alternative use of £600,000. 13/15 Chambers Street, Hertford, currently used as offices and meeting rooms, are shown at the fair value assigned to them if they were to revert to residential use. Buildings' improvements, fixtures, fittings and equipment costing £4,000 or more are capitalised at cost.

Freehold land is not depreciated. Other fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Freehold buildings are depreciated over 50 years following the revaluation in 2011.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment are depreciated at a rate of 10% per annum. On this basis, the organ, pews and other fixtures and fittings within the church would have been fully depreciated at 31 December, 2019. As these items are all in continuing use, they were revalued at their insurance valuations at 31 December 2019; organ £146,748 (2018 NBV £4,485) pews, etc. £121,480 (2018 NBV £2,062). They have been depreciated in the current year at a rate of 10% per annum.

k. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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l. Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening the deposit or similar account. These short term highly liquid investments are valued at the initial investment value.

m. Creditors and accruals

Creditors and accruals are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party, and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and accruals are normally estimated at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n. Pensions

At the start of the year, the Church was a participating employer in the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme") which is a separate legal entity administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited). The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Employer and other participating employers. However, the departure of the minister in July 2022 brought about a cessation event under Section 75 of the Pensions Act 1995 and the Church is no longer a participating employer.

The Cessation Event would have made the Church liable for the proportion of the overall deficit (assessed by reference to the cost of securing benefits by the purchase of annuities) applicable to its previous Ministers who were members of the Scheme. However, at the time of the minister's departure, the Scheme was considered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited) to be fully funded and no such liability arose. Accordingly, the balance sheet liability (2021 £100,000) has been removed from the accounts. Until July 2022, the church was paying ongoing deficiency contributions as outlined below.

Background to the Scheme:

The Scheme, previously known as the Baptist Ministers' Pension Fund, started in 1925, but was closed to future accrual of defined benefits on 31 December 2011. Prior to this date, the main benefit provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan was a pension of one eightieth of final minimum pensionable income for each year of pensionable service together with additional pension in respect of premiums paid on Pensionable Income in excess of Minimum Pensionable Income.

From January 2012, pension provision is being made through the Defined Contribution (DC) Plan within the Scheme. In general, members pay 8% of their Pensionable Income and employers pay 6% of members' Pensionable Income into individual pension accounts, which are operated and managed on behalf of the Pension Trustee by Broadstone Corporate Benefits Ltd. In addition, the employer pays a further 4% of Pensionable Income to cover Death in Service Benefits, administration costs, and an associated insurance policy which provides income protection for Scheme members if they are unable to work due to long-term incapacity. This income protection policy has been insured by the Baptist Union of Great Britain with Aviva Limited. Members of the Basic Section pay reduced contributions of 5% of Pensionable Income, and their employers also pay a total of 5%.

The Scheme is considered to be a multi-employer scheme as described in Section 28 of FRS 102. Because it is not possible to attribute the Scheme's assets and liabilities to specific employers, the Scheme is accounted for as if the Scheme were a defined contribution scheme.

The church does not contribute to any defined benefit pension scheme for its employees.

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o. 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 Central Baptist Association. The church made a donation to the Baptist Union Home Mission Scheme as set out in note 5.

2. Legal Status of the Church

Hertford Baptist Church is a registered charity no. 1131979 and the church building is a registered place of worship.

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3. Local Ministry

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Premises	35,053	-	-	35,053	28,309
Depreciation	-	70,366	-	70,366	68,859
Ministry	78,507	-	-	78,507	94,382
Church Activities	5,850	-	-	5,850	7,722
Outreach Activities	2,536	2,683	-	5,219	7,456
Enabling Activities	41,186	-	-	41,186	41,744
Bank charges	4	-	-	4	90
	<u>163,136</u>	<u>73,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,185</u>	<u>248,562</u>
2021 totals for unrestricted, designated and restricted funds	175,367	73,195	-		248,562

4. Support Costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Audit fee	5,874	5,646
Professional fees	3,995	6,044
Secretarial	1,604	1,585
	<u>11,473</u>	<u>13,275</u>

Governance costs are attributed entirely to local ministry (see note 1h) and unrestricted funds in both 2022 and 2021. The Professional fees relate to other financial services from the auditor, letting agent's fees and advice regarding GDPR policies.

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5. Grants for Mission

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
		2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
National Mission						
Baptist Home Mission (CBA)	(1)	5,800	-	-	5,800	5,800
Future Hope	(1)	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
Hertford Young Life	(1)	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
Others	(3)	2,168	-	292	2,460	-
		<u>12,968</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>13,260</u>	<u>10,800</u>
2021 totals for unrestricted, designated and restricted funds	(3)	10,800	-	-		10,800
World Mission						
BMS World Mission	(1)	6,108	-	4,665	10,773	5,800
BMS Relief Fund	(1)	-	-	283	283	-
Other societies	(1)	160	-	-	160	17,120
People International (to support a couple)	(1)	3,690	-	-	3,690	3,690
SIM (to support 1 person)	(1)	2,061	-	-	2,061	2,061
Interserve (M LeRoy)	(1)	1,365	-	-	1,365	1,365
Matiza Family (2020 OM)	(1)	3,600	-	-	3,600	3,600
Latin Link (W Davies)	(1)	1,526	-	-	1,526	1,526
		<u>18,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,948</u>	<u>23,458</u>	<u>35,162</u>
2021 totals for unrestricted, designated and restricted funds	(9)	18,662	16,500	-		35,162
Future Mission						
Spurgeons College	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
All Nations Christian College	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Training Support	-	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>
2021 totals for unrestricted, designated and restricted funds		3,000	-	-		3,000
Thankoffering & Special Appeal						
Thankoffering	-	-	-	-	-	3,252
Special Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	262
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,514</u>
2021 totals for unrestricted, designated and restricted funds	(2)	-	6,770	-		6,770

14 (2021: 14) separate grants were paid out to institutions. The number of grants made in each category are disclosed above in brackets. Some single grants are paid in monthly or quarterly instalments. No support costs are apportioned to the payment of grants to Mission.

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6. Total Expenditure

	Staff Costs £	Premises Costs £	Other Costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Local Ministry	99,852	105,419	30,914	236,185	248,562
National Mission	-	-	13,260	13,260	10,800
World Mission	-	-	23,458	23,458	35,162
Future Mission	-	-	-	-	3,000
Thankoffering	-	-	-	-	6,770
Special Appeals	-	-	-	-	-
Governance	-	-	11,473	11,473	13,275
	99,852	105,419	79,105	284,376	317,569

Total expenditure was £284,376 (2021: £317,569) of which £206,087 was unrestricted (2021: £221,104) £73,049 was designated (2021: £96,465) and £5,240 was restricted (2021: nil).

7. Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses and the cost of key management personnel

	2022 £	2021 £
Stipends, Expenses & Wages	90,536	101,490
Social Security Costs	3,240	4,364
Pensions Costs	6,076	9,444
	99,852	115,298

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2021: nil). Pension costs are allocated to activities in proportion to the related staffing costs incurred and are wholly charged to unrestricted funds.

2 pastors were remunerated £48,594 (2021: 2 pastors £59,972) using scales recommended by the Baptist Union and according to the relevant agreement with the Charity Commission. 1 trustee was remunerated £21,671 (2021: £12,514) during the year for work not related to his role as a trustee. No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021: nil). During the year, phone, travel and meal expenses totalling £2,483 were reimbursed to 2 pastors and 1 trustee (2021: phone, travel and meal expenses of £1,052 to 2 pastors and 1 trustee). In addition, 2 pastors and 2 trustees made purchases totalling £2,005 on behalf of the church and were reimbursed (2021: 2 pastors and 1 trustee, £3,292).

In addition to the trustees, the key management personnel of Hertford Baptist Church comprise the church office secretary and the administrator (who are employees) and the two cashiers and the youth and children's work administrator (who are volunteers). The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the trust who are not trustees (1 individual) were £15,153 (2021: 2 individuals, £23,939). During the year, no expenses were reimbursed to any member of key management personnel (2021: nil). In addition, No key management personnel (non-trustees) made purchases on behalf of the church (2021: nil).

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8 Staff Numbers

Average Number of Employees

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Ministers (1 person for 7 months of the year)	0.6	1
Team Leader for Pastoral Care & Prayer	1	1
Secretaries/Administrators (all part-time)	2	2
Cleaner (part-time)	1	1
	<hr/> 4.6	<hr/> 5

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9 Comparative figures (2021) for the separate classes of funds shown in total on the face of the SOFA

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies				
Regular Offerings	148,636	-	-	148,636
Special Gifts & Legacies	27,335	13,690	2,095	43,120
Thankoffering	-	4,350	-	4,350
Gift Aid recoverable	35,572	3,402	265	39,239
Charitable activities	1,125	-	80	1,205
Investments - bank interest	511	-	-	511
Other				-
Use of property	33,277	-	-	33,277
Repayments	166	-	-	166
Government furlough schemes	-	-	-	-
Total	246,623	21,442	2,440	270,505
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities				
Local Ministry	175,367	73,195	-	248,562
Support Costs	13,275	-	-	13,275
Grants payable:				
National Mission	10,800	-	-	10,800
World Mission	18,662	16,500	-	35,162
Future Mission	3,000	-	-	3,000
Thankoffering & Special	-	6,770	-	6,770
Total	221,104	96,465	-	317,569
Net Income/(Expenditure)	25,519	(75,023)	2,440	(47,064)
Transfers between Funds	(8,808)	8,930	(122)	-
	16,711	(66,093)	2,318	(47,064)
Other recognised Gains/(Losses)Gains & (Losses)				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	-
Gain/Loss on fixtures, fittings and equipment written off or revalued	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	16,711	(66,093)	2,318	(47,064)
Reconciliation of Funds:				
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1 January 2020	113,115	2,084,396	3,072	2,200,583
Total Funds Carried Forward at 31 December 2020	129,826	2,018,303	5,390	2,153,519

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10 Related party transactions

Close family members of the trustees and key management personnel of Hertford Baptist Church are regarded as related parties for the purposes of these accounts. The majority of these people are themselves members of the church.

The total amount of donations received without conditions from trustees and connected parties was £23,060 (2021 £35,926).

No expenses were paid to any related party (2021: nil). No person related to the trustees made purchases on behalf of the church and was reimbursed (2021: 1 related party, £100).

No reimbursements were made to parties related to the key management personnel (2021: nil).

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Land	Freehold Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
Cost/Valuation	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2022	468,000	1,595,220	429,094	2,492,314
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	33,511	33,511
At 31 December 2022	468,000	1,595,220	462,605	2,525,825
Depreciation				
At 31 December 2021	-	315,090	164,632	479,722
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	31,904	38,462	70,366
At 31 December 2022	-	346,994	203,094	550,088
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2022	468,000	1,248,226	259,511	1,975,737
At 31 December 2021	468,000	1,280,130	264,462	2,012,592

Freehold Land and Buildings

In December 2011 all freehold land and buildings were surveyed and revalued at current market rates by Iain Davies MRICS and on the advice of the auditors values for land and buildings were assessed separately. The church and halls are shown at their fair value for realistic alternative use of £600,000. 13/15 Chambers Street, Hertford, currently used as offices and meeting rooms, are shown at the fair value assigned to them if they were to revert to residential use.

The value of buildings will be depreciated over 50 years under FRS 15 following the valuation in December 2011. Fixtures, fittings and equipment are depreciated at a rate of 10% per annum on the valuation figure.

12. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	-	-
Income Tax Recoverable	31,709	39,208
	31,709	39,208

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13. Cash at Bank and In Hand

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank Accounts	237,983	215,288
Petty Cash	109	45
	<u>238,092</u>	<u>215,333</u>

14. Liabilities

	2022 £	2021 £
Payroll liabilities	1,737	2,751
Accruals	<u>6,792</u>	<u>10,862</u>
	8,529	13,613
Creditors Due > 1 year	-	-

15. Unrestricted Funds

	Balance 1.1.22 £	Incoming £	Movement Outgoing £	Transfers £	Pension Liability £	Balance 31.12.22 £
General Church Funds	129,827	218,839	206,087	(30,664)	100,000	211,915

A transfer was made to Designated Funds to reflect capitalised improvements to the church's fixtures and fittings.

16. Designated Funds

	Balance 1.1.22 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Balance 31.12.22 £
Thankoffering	2,122	8,377	-	(10,499)	-	-
Training Support	1,791	140	-	-	-	1,931
Other designated donations	1,796	38,002	2,683	8,377	-	45,492
	<u>5,709</u>	<u>46,519</u>	<u>2,683</u>	<u>(2,122)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,423</u>
Tangible fixed assets	2,012,592	-	70,366	33,511	-	1,975,737
	<u>2,018,301</u>	<u>46,519</u>	<u>73,049</u>	<u>31,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,023,160</u>

The Thankoffering funds are raised each year for specific causes. The funds raised in 2022 were transferred to the church's HOPE Fund, which supports people known to the church who are suffering difficult times. The Training Support Fund supports individuals training for Christian service through full or part-time courses or on training placements.

The Tangible Fixed Assets Fund (TFAF) is set aside to represent the net book value of the property of the church. £33,511 was transferred from General Funds to the TFAF to reflect the capitalisation of kitchen improvements in accordance with the accounting policies.

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17. Restricted Funds

	Balance 1.1.22 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Balance 31.12.22 £
Baptist societies	4,665	2,509	4,948	(725)	-	1,501
Others	725	-	292	-	-	433
	<u>5,390</u>	<u>2,509</u>	<u>5,240</u>	<u>(725)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,934</u>

Baptist societies and other funds are ongoing funds held for specific societies, the majority of which are paid out in the course of the year.

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total Assets £
Unrestricted Funds (note 15)	-	211,915	211,915
Designated Funds (note 16)	1,975,737	47,423	2,023,160
Restricted Funds (note 17)	-	1,934	1,934
	<u>1,975,737</u>	<u>261,272</u>	<u>2,237,009</u>

19. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2022 there were commitments under operating leases

	Land & Buildings £	Other £	2021 £
Expiring within 1 year	-	907	1,736
Expiring within 2-5 years	-	2,948	3,402
Expiring in over 5 years	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,855</u>	<u>5,138</u>

20. Post Balance Sheet

There are no material post balance sheets events to report, although Trustees note the inflationary pressures which may impact future financial performance and events in Ukraine which may contribute to above inflation increases in energy costs once current hedges expire.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
INCOME & EXPENDITURE					
Income from:					
Donations and legacies					
- Regular Offerings	145,484	-	-	145,484	148,636
- Special Gifts & Legacies	2,622	37,552	2,299	42,473	43,120
- Thankoffering	-	6,960	-	6,960	4,350
- Gift Aid recoverable	29,512	2,007	210	31,729	39,239
Charitable Activities	1,472	-	-	1,472	1,205
Activities which generate funds					
- Use of property	38,465	-	-	38,465	33,277
- Repayments	316	-	-	316	166
- Bank interest	968	-	-	968	511
- Government furlough schemes	-	-	-	-	-
Total	218,839	46,519	2,509	267,867	270,504
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities					
Local Ministry	163,136	73,049	-	236,185	248,562
Governance Costs	11,473	-	-	11,473	13,275
Grants payable:					
- National Mission	12,968	-	292	13,260	10,800
- World Mission	18,510	-	4,948	23,458	35,162
- Future Mission	-	-	-	-	3,000
- Thankoffering & Special	-	-	-	-	6,770
Total	206,087	73,049	5,240	284,376	317,569
Net Income/(expenditure)	12,752	(26,530)	(2,731)	(16,509)	(47,065)
Transfers between funds	(30,664)	31,389	(725)	-	-
	(17,912)	4,859	(3,456)	(16,509)	(47,065)
Actuarial Gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension scheme	100,000	-	-	100,000	-
Net Movement in Funds	82,088	4,859	(3,456)	83,491	(47,065)
Total Funds brought forward at 1/1/22	129,827	2,018,301	5,390	2,153,518	2,200,583
Total Funds carried forward at 31.12.22	211,915	2,023,160	1,934	2,237,009	2,153,518

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,975,737	2,012,591
Current Assets		
Debtors	31,709	39,208
Cash at bank & in hand	238,092	215,333
Liabilities		
amounts falling due within 1 year	(8,529)	(13,613)
Net Current Assets	261,272	240,928
Defined benefit pension scheme net asset or liability	-	(100,000)
Net Assets	2,237,009	2,153,519
Funds		
Unrestricted	211,915	129,827
Designated	2,023,160	2,018,301
Restricted	1,934	5,390
	2,237,009	2,153,518