

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1132840

Details

Other names	ABC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-11-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Activities: Ashley Baptist Church seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by building up a growing, evangelical, united, relevant and contemporary, outwardlooking Church, bringing glory to god and blessing to all in the area. It does this through a variety of styles of worship, through pastoral support for all ages and by reaching out to the community through many activities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Bulgaria
- Dorset
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£236,556	£200,201	-	-
2023-12-31	£204,941	£196,424	-	-
2022-12-31	£185,599	£211,124	-	-
2021-12-31	£179,724	£188,288	-	-
2020-12-31	£212,435	£184,209	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew John Perryman	Chair	2021-09-01
Catherine Anne Bates		2020-11-19
Christine Douglas		2022-11-22
Christine Wraight		2023-11-28
Dr Anthony Ellis		2024-11-26
Dr Gregory Rogers		2023-11-28
Geoffrey Allen Coop		2024-11-26
Graham Anthony Gale		2025-11-25
Ian Alexander Hynd		2021-01-12
Janet Karen Riddy		2020-11-19
Lorant Levente Padar		2022-11-22
Malcolm Thomas Dale		2024-11-26
Matthew Kisler		2023-11-28

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(RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Review of Activities

Our activities continue to reflect our mission statement: "To Know Christ –To Make Christ Known"

We have been able to meet together for worship throughout 2024. Our main service is at 10.30, is well attended and we have held one baptismal service this year. A Silver Service is held periodically on a Sunday afternoon with a more traditional service. This is a short time of worship with a message and is followed by tea and cake, and is well attended, reaching those we do not regularly see on a Sunday morning. An occasional Furnace Service is held on a Sunday evening which allows more time for sung worship and the opportunity to hear from each other about what God is doing in our lives.

We continue to live stream the morning service each week.

The twice weekly prayer meetings continue to be held on Zoom. The Deacons meet monthly and we continue to hold hybrid Church Meetings which allow those with young children, or who are unable to come out to attend the meetings.

A Church Camp, which was well attended, was held over the Summer Bank Holiday Weekend at Headlands near Ringwood. On the Sunday around 60 people from the church who weren't camping attended the morning service and stayed to eat their picnics sitting around the lake, some even stayed for the afternoon activities. It was great to all meet together to worship in the beautiful surroundings. For those that couldn't get to the camp a more traditional service was held at Ashley.

At Christmas we joined with local churches for a Nativity Trail, this was due to be held on the on the local recreation ground but due to inclement weather was moved to New Life Church, around 40 children and their families attended. We also sang Carols outside a local supermarket accompanied by The Salvation Army Band.

We held our Annual Carols by Candlelight, a Family Activity afternoon and Nativity Service on the Saturday before Christmas and Christmas Morning Worship, all three services were well attended.

Connect Groups

Our Connect groups meet regularly and an annual review was held at the end of July this year. This meant that some people changed groups and a couple of extra groups have been formed. The focus of the groups is connecting with one another for spiritual growth.

Youth and Children's Work

Leader – Kate Perryman, Youth, Children's and Schools Worker

The Ark, a parent and toddler group goes from strength to strength and we regularly get between 35 and 40 families through the door.

Sunday groups have been going well. All groups run weekly and opportunities are given to our older young people to take a more active role in our services and give them the opportunity to use their gifts.

Core Group, for the young people providing them with Bible based teaching to continue their Christian Journey continue to meet on a Monday Evening. This has been positive with up to 12 young people attending each week.

Focus, this extra group has been formed to accommodate a large group moving up from Rooted, as they are younger it was thought that it would upset the balance of Core Group. Both Core Group and Focus have a social time together during the evening so that they get to know each other. There are currently up to 15 young people attending Focus.

Rooted, for youngsters in school years 3-6, has good attendance and is aimed at bringing on these younger people into a deeper understanding of the Christian faith.

Kate has been going into the infant school regularly as part of the Open the Book team which meet fortnightly. She continues to meet fortnightly with a group of children in a mentoring capacity. They talk about life, concerns etc while playing a game/doing a craft and it has been really positive. This year she has also begun to go into the Junior School to mentor some children.

This year Kate has run two events for the local Junior School. "Easter Cracked" which saw year 5 children and their staff explore the events of the Easter Story and "Christmas Unwrapped" investigated the real meaning of Christmas with year 4 and their staff. Both events were well received by the school and the plan is to repeat them in 2025.

At the end of the summer term a holiday club was held in the church and garden. Over the week 80 children attended. The Saturday culminated in a BBQ for all the families, this was well attended and we were blessed with fine weather. The Holiday Club concluded with a service on the Sunday when the whole congregation could join in the fun and activities of the week.

Following this event Kate took some of the young people to Satellites, a Christian Youth Event held at the Bath and West Showground over 5 days.

Accessible Groups

The Ten10 group meet regularly in the Sports Hall and provides games and refreshments for those with learning difficulties. Accessible services take place four times a year, and continue to be well supported and are run in conjunction with other churches in the area. The Discipleship group continues to provide bible study and prayer for those looking to deepen their Christian Faith; this meets once a month.

Care and Support

Christian love and care throughout the week continues to be demonstrated regularly through the connect groups, pastoral friends and pastoral support. The Pastoral Care Team seek to care for those who are more vulnerable or going through a difficult time through coordinating phone calls, visits or notes. Flowers are distributed weekly by a team to those who may be struggling, celebrating, or making a difficult anniversary. Prayer Ministry is offered at the end of each Sunday morning service for any who would appreciate it. Coffee Morning meets each week, and a short Carol Service was organised for those attending the coffee morning.

Community Café & Food Larder

Community Café now meets on a Wednesday afternoon and Tuesday morning. It provides a warm space, tea, coffee and light refreshments for anyone in the community. This has been used by the mums and carers when they collect their children from school as well as other members of the

community. Grant funding was received and distributed as supermarket vouchers to families in need to support with the rising costs of living, fuel bills and the costs of meals during school holidays.

On Tuesday morning the Food Larder now uses the sports hall and car park with both fresh and dried food provided by Fareshare. This is open to any local residents who require additional food but whose budget currently does not allow it. This also runs during the School Holidays. Running the community café alongside Food Larder has been well received by those who attend as it offers a warm place to wait and a sense of community. The cafe is run and manned by volunteers from the church and all refreshments are provided free of charge.

Ministry

The Church continues to reach beyond the surrounding area of Ashley by assisting, on a regular basis, other smaller Churches in the area. We continue to support financially Baptist Home Mission and the Baptist Missionary Society, Operation Mobilisation (OM), Hope Now, Wycliffe Bible Translators and Latin Link. Further afield, Ashley Baptist Church has maintained strong links with Churches in Bulgaria.

Clubs

We continued to offer activities during the week for church folk and for members of the community. These include a Sewing Group, Badminton and Basketball.

Other Community Activities

Our Church car park continues to be available during the week for the parents of a local school during term time and some other local businesses, relieving congestion on the local roads. We provide parking for a Community First Minibus which allows local groups and charities to access transport for their activities.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

We report to the Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Ashley Baptist Church Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 7 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Hope Jones
Chartered Accountants
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ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Receipts					
Donations	152,017			152,017	149,161
Gift aid tax	32,436	2,989		35,425	32,775
Legacies	0			0	250
Special Gifts	0			0	30
Youth activities	2,876			2,876	1,997
Other church activities	5,467	6,629		12,096	12,099
Rental income	3,265		15,028	18,293	1,063
Investment income	3,071			3,071	2,192
Other income	3,560	9,218		12,778	5,374
Total Receipts	202,692	18,836	15,028	236,556	204,941
Payments					
Ministry costs	47,521	21		47,542	42,327
Mission costs	221	577		798	2,043
Establishment costs	49,363	6,066	168	55,597	76,618
Grants paid	21,256	8,897		30,153	27,662
Office expenses	59,164	559	1,545	61,268	45,471
Accountancy	2,280			2,280	2,160
Church equipment	845	1,718		2,563	143
Total Payments	180,650	17,838	1,713	200,201	196,424
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers	22,042	998	13,315	36,355	8,517
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	22,042	998	13,315	36,355	8,517
Balances 1 January 2024	75,442	7,107	38	82,587	74,070
Balances 31 December 2024	97,484	8,105	13,353	118,942	82,587

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
1. Fixed Assets		
The insurance re-instatement values of the assets owned by the church were:		
Church Building - endowment fund	3,404,298	3,298,738
Church Contents	284,255	281,162
High Ridge Crescent property - endowment fund	621,241	600,000
Willowdene Close property - endowment fund	359,380	350,000
	<u>4,669,174</u>	<u>4,529,900</u>

The church buildings at 3 Lower Ashley Road, Ashley, New Milton, Hampshire, BH25 5AA and the manses at High Ridge Crescent and Willowdene Close are held by the Baptist Union on behalf of the Baptist Church congregation at Ashley and are within an endowment fund.

2. Debtors

Tax recoverable - unrestricted fund	2,696	2,817
Tax recoverable - restricted funds	0	2
Total tax recoverable under HMRC gift aid scheme	2,696	2,819
Prepayments	1,397	347
	<u>4,093</u>	<u>3,166</u>

3. Bank Balances

Bank operating accounts	12,251	2,942
Bank deposits	120,779	79,645
Petty cash	-	-
	133,030	82,587
Of which relating to restricted funds	<u>8,105</u>	<u>7,107</u>

4. Liabilities

Share of Baptist pension scheme deficit. See note 4	0	20,100
HMRC PAYE	0	0
Other creditors	150	59
Accruals	3,274	4,201
	<u>3,424</u>	<u>24,360</u>

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APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on _____ by _____

P Blencowe
Secretary

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes. Movements in the year across all cash funds were as follows:

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Restricted Funds					
Youth minister	0				0
Evangelism	2,668		2,205		463
Plovdiv	39	6,404	6,443		0
Birthday Scheme	0	310	310		0
Grants	2,000		2,000		0
Building fund	0	10,728	5,566		5,162
Pastoral and benevolent fund	2,400	1,394	1,314		2,480
	7,107	18,836	17,838	0	8,105
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
Specials	38	15,028	1,713		13,353
NISA	0				0
Manse maintenance	0				0
	38	15,028	1,713	0	13,353
General Funds	75,442	202,692	180,650	0	97,484
Total Funds	82,587	236,556	200,201	0	118,942

2. Agency Funds

The church holds £14,089 that has been excluded from income within the Receipts and Payments account, and from the bank balance on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, as these are agency funds held on behalf of the Bailey Trust. This has arisen as a bequest to be administered by the Bailey Trust during the lifetime of the remaining legatee before reverting to the church.

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3. Related Parties

Ministry costs include the stipends paid to the minister and assistant minister as permitted by the governing document. Travel and training costs paid to ministers who were Trustees is included in ministry costs. Heating allowance paid to ministers who were Trustees is included in establishment costs as were moving expenses.

Donations from Trustees and related parties amounted to £35,440.

4. Pension Scheme

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"). The Scheme is a separate legal entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited).

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre-2012 service were a defined benefit 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. 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.

The Baptist Pension Scheme have provided an estimate of the debt of the church at the year end on the assumption that the church ceased to make contributions towards the liability arising. This amount is shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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The Light Party in October was a big success. Over 100 people attended and enjoyed the crafts, party games and a talk about how Jesus is our light.

Sunday groups have been going well. The creche has returned to its own room and has received a positive reaction from the parents. Ignite for the teenagers runs 3 times a month. This is to allow the young people to take a more active role in our services and give them the opportunity to use their gifts.

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The Ashley Hub

The Hub continued on a Tuesday morning with staff from the Infants school facilitating a friendly welcoming place for families to meet, chat and get advice. Their vision is to support families with children from 0 to 19 to build a brighter future. This has tried a different approach for the autumn term with more outside input but has now decided to stop at the end of 2023. There are plans for a monthly group to support parents of children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) to be run by the church. The free Baby Massage group will continue to be offered by the church.

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Other Community Activities

The Food Rescue Kitchen are using our premises to prepare cakes and meals for those in need with food that the supermarkets are disposing of due to reaching their sell by date. As well as these items of repurposed food going to the local food bank the Coffee Morning and The Ark have been able to make use of the cakes at their activities.

Our Church car park continues to be available during the week for the parents of a local school during term time and some other local businesses, relieving congestion on the local roads.

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Receipts					
Donations	149,161			149,161	118,196
Gift aid tax	31,818	949	8	32,775	30,051
Legacies	250			250	0
Special Gifts	0		30	30	2,196
Youth activities	1,997			1,997	1,508
Other church activities	3,854	8,245		12,099	5,678
Rental income	1,063			1,063	8,299
Investment income	2,192			2,192	394
Other income	4,833	541		5,374	19,277
Total Receipts	195,168	9,735	38	204,941	185,599
Payments					
Ministry costs	42,197	130		42,327	53,910
Mission costs	4	1,924	115	2,043	3,136
Establishment costs	62,478	10,404	3,736	76,618	66,732
Grants paid	21,844	5,818		27,662	32,010
Office expenses	44,931	540		45,471	48,183
Accountancy	2,160			2,160	2,400
Church equipment	143			143	4,753
Total Payments	173,757	18,816	3,851	196,424	211,124
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers	21,411	-9,081	-3,813	8,517	-25,525
Transfers between funds	75	0	-75	0	0
Net movement in funds	21,486	-9,081	-3,888	8,517	-25,525
Balances 1 January 2023	53,956	16,188	3,926	74,070	99,595
Balances 31 December 2023	75,442	7,107	38	82,587	74,070

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
1. Fixed Assets		
The insurance re-instatement values of the assets owned by the church were:		
Church Building - endowment fund	3,298,738	3,218,281
Church Contents	281,162	274,841
High Ridge Crescent property - endowment fund	600,000	461,547
Willowdene Close property - endowment fund	350,000	244,288
	4,529,900	4,198,957
<p>The church buildings at 3 Lower Ashley Road, Ashley, New Milton, Hampshire, BH25 5AA and the manses at High Ridge Crescent and Willowdene Close are held by the Baptist Union on behalf of the Baptist Church congregation at Ashley and are within an endowment fund.</p>		
2. Debtors		
Tax recoverable - unrestricted fund	2,817	2,451
Tax recoverable - restricted funds	2	0
Total tax recoverable under HMRC gift aid scheme	2,819	2,451
Prepayments	347	227
	3,166	2,678
3. Bank Balances		
Bank operating accounts	2,942	3,327
Bank deposits	79,645	70,745
Petty cash	-	-
	82,587	74,072
Of which relating to restricted funds	7,107	16,192
4. Liabilities		
Share of Baptist pension scheme deficit. See note 4	20,100	23,300
HMRC PAYE	0	0
Other creditors	59	1,378
Accruals	4,201	1,727
	24,360	26,405

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on _____ by _____

P Blencowe
Secretary

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes.
Movements in the year across all cash funds were as follows:

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Youth minister	0				0
Evangelism	4,274	625	2,231		2,668
Plovdiv	75	3,243	3,279		39
Birthday Scheme	0	282	282		0
Grants	0	3,900	1,900		2,000
Building fund	10,145	259	10,404		0
Pastoral and benevolent fund	1,694	1,426	720		2,400
	<u>16,188</u>	<u>9,735</u>	<u>18,816</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,107</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
Specials	75	38		-75	38
NISA	1,000		1,000		0
Manse maintenance	2,851		2,851		0
	<u>3,926</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>3,851</u>	<u>-75</u>	<u>38</u>
General Funds	<u>53,956</u>	<u>195,168</u>	<u>173,757</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>75,442</u>
Total Funds	<u>74,070</u>	<u>204,941</u>	<u>196,424</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>82,587</u>

2. Agency Funds

The church holds £13,416 that has been excluded from income within the Receipts and Payments account, and from the bank balance on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, as these are agency funds held on behalf of the Bailey Trust. This has arisen as a bequest to be administered by the Bailey Trust during the lifetime of the remaining legatee before reverting to the church. There is an additional £200 held for the Earthquake Appeal which was paid in January 2024.

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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3. Related Parties

Ministry costs include the stipends paid to the minister and assistant minister as permitted by the governing document. Travel and training costs paid to ministers who were Trustees is included in ministry costs. Heating allowance paid to ministers who were Trustees is included in establishment costs as were moving expenses.

Donations from Trustees and related parties amounted to £35,946.

4. Pension Scheme

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"). The Scheme is a separate legal entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited).

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre-2012 service were a defined benefit 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. 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.

The Baptist Pension Scheme have provided an estimate of the debt of the church at the year end on the assumption that the church ceased to make contributions towards the liability arising. This amount is shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1132840

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ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees	Rev Andrew Perryman Elders: Philip Drake Catherine Bates David Parker - resigned 22.11.2022 Deacons: Ian Hynd - Treasurer Pearl Blencowe - Church Secretary Diane Shinn David Waterman Trevor Stickland Jill Goodey Janet Riddy James Bromley Paul Cousins - resigned 22.11.2022 Christine Douglas - appointed 22.11.2022 Lorent Padar - appointed 22.11.2022
Governing Document	Constitution dated 18 July 2019 Amended 31st March 2022
Charity Registration Number	1132840
Correspondence Address	3 Lower Ashley Road Ashley New Milton Hampshire BH25 5AA
Independent Examiner	Hope Jones Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Dunlop House 23a Spencer Road New Milton Hampshire BH25 6BZ
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited, West Mailing, Kent Lloyds, New Milton, Hampshire

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Purpose

The church is a charity and its principal purpose is the advancement of the Christian Faith.

Mission

To Know Christ – To Make Christ Known

Vision

Our Community Discovering Church

Government

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who regularly meet to monitor the activities of the charity.

Review of Activities

Our activities continue to reflect our mission statement: “To Know Christ – To Make Christ Known”.

We have been able to meet together in the building for worship throughout 2022. Our main service is at 10.30 and is well attended and we have begun to meet at 6.00pm for a time of prayer which is led by different people each week and has various topics for prayer. For those who still find it difficult to be in large groups, we continue to live stream the main service each week.

The twice weekly prayer meetings continue to be held on Zoom. The monthly Deacons Meetings are held in person and we now hold hybrid Church Meetings which allow those with young children, or who are unable to come out to attend the meetings.

A Church Camp, which was well attended, as held over the Summer Bank Holiday Weekend at Headlands near Ringwood. On the Sunday around 50 folk from the church who weren't camping attended the morning service and stayed to eat their picnics sitting around the lake, some even stayed for the afternoon activities. It was great to all meet together to worship in the beautiful surroundings. For those that couldn't get to the camp a more traditional service was held at Ashley.

At Christmas we joined with local churches for a Nativity Trail and Carols on the local recreation ground, around 50 children and their families came on a very cold afternoon. We held our Annual Carols by Candlelight, a Nativity Service on the Friday before Christmas and Christmas Morning Worship, all three services were well attended and were also live streamed.

There have been two baptismal services this year and we have welcomed several people into membership.

Home Groups – Connect Groups

This year we reviewed our structure of Home Groups where small groups meet in various locations for prayer, bible study and pastoral support. The groups were relaunched in September as 'Connect Groups' with a focus on connecting with one another for spiritual growth. Leaders were given the opportunity to confirm they wanted to continue and new groups were started. All group members were encouraged to consider their commitment and how participating in a group would help them to grow spiritually. The process saw an increase in the number of groups offered and the number of people attending them regularly. The aim is now to continue with an annual review each year.

Membership

Over this year the Leadership and Membership have considered what the responsibilities and commitment of being a Member of the church are. This led to a statement being put together, agreed with the members and then preached on at our services during September. All members have been asked to affirm their commitment in accordance with this new statement. Many members have already responded but the process of review is currently ongoing.

Youth and Children's Work

Leader – Kate Perryman, Youth, Children's and Schools Worker.

Earlier in the summer we said goodbye to Rachel White who was moving to Horsham, where her husband, Jon, who had been our Minister-In-Training had accepted a call to the Ministry at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church.

We advertised the position and were pleased to appoint Kate Perryman who began her role in September.

The Ark goes from strength to strength and we regularly get 30 families through the door. The 6 weeks leading up to Christmas were spent looking at different parts of the Christmas story and theming the craft to the story.

The Light Party in October was a big success. This was run jointly with New Life but held at Ashley. Over 100 people attended and enjoyed the crafts, party games and a talk about how Jesus is our light.

Sunday groups have been going well. The creche has returned to its own room and has received a positive reaction from the parents. Ignite for the teenagers runs 3 times a month. This is to allow the young people to take a more active role in our services and give them the opportunity to use their gifts.

Core Group, for the young people providing them with Bible based teaching to continue their Christian Journey continue to meet on a Monday Evening. This has been positive with up to 10 young people attending each week.

Kate has been going into the infant school regularly as part of the open book team which meet fortnightly. She has met with the deputy head, who shared that she wanted support for children who lacked confidence and didn't have strong adult relationships at home. Kate has been meeting fortnightly with a group of children in a mentoring capacity. They talk about life, concerns etc while playing a game/doing a craft and it has been really positive.

Prospects

The Ten10 group meet regularly in the Sports Hall and provides games and refreshments for those with learning difficulties. This year a Discipleship group has been formed to provide bible study and prayer; this meets once a month. The Accessible services continue to be well supported and are run in conjunction with other churches in the area.

Care and Support

Christian love and care throughout the week continues to be demonstrated regularly through the home groups and pastoral support. A Coffee Morning is held regularly and a Christmas Lunch was provided in December.

The Ashley Hub

The Hub continues on a Tuesday morning with staff from the Infants, Junior and Secondary schools, facilitating a friendly welcoming place for families to meet, chat and get advice. Their vision is to support families with children from 0 to 19 to build a brighter future.

Ministry

The Church continues to reach beyond the surrounding area of Ashley by assisting, on a regular basis, other smaller Churches in the area. We continue to support financially Baptist Home Mission and the Baptist Missionary Society, Operation Mobilisation (OM), Hope Now, Leprosy Mission and Tear Fund. Further afield, Ashley Baptist Church has maintained strong links in Churches in Bulgaria, Moldova and the Ukraine. Our Minister and one of our Elders was able to visit our partner church in Bulgaria this year to learn more about their work and encourage their ministry.

Clubs

We continue to offer activities during the week for church folk and for members of the community. These include a Sewing Group, a Photography Club which started in the later half of the year, Badminton and Basketball.

Other Community Activities

The Food Rescue Kitchen are using our premises to prepare cakes and meals for those in need with food that the supermarkets are disposing of due to reaching their sell by dates.

As well as these items of repurposed food going to the local food bank the Coffee Morning and The Ark have been able to make use of the cakes for their activities.

Our Church car park continues to be available during the week for the parents of a local school during term time and some other local businesses, relieving the congestion on local roads.

The Car Park is also used by a Mobile Food Larder. This visits each week with both fresh and dried food provided by Fareshare. This is open to any local residents who require additional food but whose budget currently does not allow it. This also runs during the School Holidays.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

We report to the Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Ashley Baptist Church Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) The accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Hope Jones

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Dunlop House

23a Spencer Road

New Milton

Hampshire

BH25 6BZ

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Receipts					
Donations	112,616	3,383	2,197	118,196	117,591
Gift aid tax	25,477	3,697	877	30,051	21,610
Legacies				0	10,000
Special Gifts	2,196			2,196	-
Youth activities	1,508			1,508	308
Other church activities	5,678			5,678	4,820
Rental income	7,687		612	8,299	17,154
Investment income	394			394	407
Other income	4,963	14,314		19,277	7,834
Total Receipts	160,519	21,394	3,686	185,599	179,724
Payments					
Ministry costs	53,910			53,910	86,598
Mission costs	1,824	1,312		3,136	436
Establishment costs	55,954	5,727	5,051	66,732	49,293
Grants paid	23,725	5,586	2,699	32,010	29,282
Office expenses	48,183			48,183	20,279
Accountancy	2,400			2,400	2,400
Church equipment	2,019	934	1,800	4,753	-
Total Payments	188,015	13,559	9,550	211,124	188,288
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers	-27,496	7,835	-5,864	-25,525	-8,564
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	-27,496	7,835	-5,864	-25,525	-8,564
Balances 1 January 2022	81,452	8,353	9,790	99,595	108,160
Balances 31 December 2022	53,956	16,188	3,926	74,070	99,596

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts.

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
1. Fixed Assets		
The insurance re-instatement values of the assets owned by the church were:		
Church Building - endowment fund	3,218,281	2,818,131
Church Contents	274,841	240,668
High Ridge Crescent property - endowment fund	461,547	390,147
Wilowdene Close property - endowment fund	244,288	206,497
	4,198,957	3,655,443
<p>The church buildings at 3 Lower Ashley Road, Ashley, New Milton, Hampshire, BH25 5AA and the manses at High Ridge Crescent and Willowdene Close are held by the Baptist Union on behalf of the Baptist Church congregation at Ashley and are within an endowment fund.</p>		
2. Debtors		
Tax recoverable - unrestricted fund	2,451	2,327
Tax recoverable - restricted funds	0	70
Total tax recoverable under HMRC gift aid scheme	2,451	2,397
Prepayments	227	1,188
	2,678	3,585
3. Bank Balances		
Bank operating accounts	3,327	7,367
Bank deposits	70,745	92,229
Petty cash	-	-
	74,072	99,596
Of which relating to restricted funds	16,192	8,353
4. Liabilities		
Share of Baptist pension scheme deficit. See note 4	23,300	57,300
HMRC PAYE	0	1,177
Other creditors	1,378	3,302
Accruals	1,727	3,196
	26,405	64,975

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on _____ by _____

P Blencowe
Secretary

The notes on pages 11 to 12 form part of these accounts

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes. Movements in the year across all cash funds were as follows:

	Balance at 1 January 2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Youth minister	0				0
Envangelism	6,524		2,250		4,274
Plovdiv	215	3,771	3,911		75
Birthday Scheme	0	225	225		0
Home mission	0				0
Building fund	50	17,268	7,173		10,145
Pastoral and benevolent fund	1,564	130			1,694
	8,353	21,394	13,559	0	16,188
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
Specials	1,500	3,074	4,499		75
NISA	1,000				1,000
Manse maintenance	7,290	612	5,051		2,851
	9,790	3,686	9,550	0	3,926
General Funds	81,452	160,519	188,015	0	53,956
Total Funds	99,595	185,599	211,124	0	74,070

2. Agency Funds

The church holds £12,900 that has been excluded from income within the Receipts and Payments account, and from the bank balance on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, as these are agency funds held on behalf of the Bailey Trust. This has arisen as a bequest to be administered by the Bailey Trust during the lifetime of the remaining legatee before reverting to the church.

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3. Related Parties

Ministry costs include the stipends paid to the minister and assistant minister as permitted by the governing document. Travel and training costs paid to ministers who were Trustees is included in ministry costs. Heating allowance paid to ministers who were Trustees is included in establishment costs as were moving expenses.

During the year Trustee James Bromley paid rent to the Church of £6,125.

Donations from Trustees and related parties amounted to £33,085.

4. Pension Scheme

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme"). The Scheme is a separate legal entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited).

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre-2012 service were a defined benefit 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. 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.

The Baptist Pension Scheme have provided an estimate of the debt of the church at the year end on the assumption that the church ceased to make contributions towards the liability arising. This amount is shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1132840

Accounts

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BASIS)
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ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees	Rev Andrew Perryman (appointed 1 September 2021) Rev David John - Senior Minister (retired 31 January 2021) Rev Alison John - Assistant Minister (retired 31 January 2021) Elders: Philip Drake David Parker Catherine Bates Deacons: Jonathan Budgell -Treasurer (resigned 12 January 2021) Ian Hynd - Treasurer (appointed 12 January 2021) Pearl Blencowe - Church Secretary Lorant Padar (resigned 9 November 2021) Diane Shinn Trevor Milchard (resigned 9 November 2021) David Waterman Trevor Stickland Paul Cousins Jill Goodey Janet Riddy James Bromley
Governing Document	Constitution dated 18 July 2019
Charity Registration Number	1132840
Correspondence Address	3 Lower Ashley Road Ashley New Milton Hampshire BH25 5AA
Independent Examiner	Nigel Hewson FCA DChA Hewsons 80 Woodhurst Avenue Orpington Kent BR5 1AT
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd, West Malling, Kent HSBC, New Milton, Hampshire Lloyds, New Milton, Hampshire

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the charity

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by building up a growing, evangelical, united, relevant and contemporary, outward-looking Church, bringing glory to God and blessing to all in the area.

Government

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Charity.

Trustees are elected to serve by church members.

Review of Activities

Our activities continue to reflect our mission statement: "To Know Christ –To Make Christ Known" This year has again been very different due to the Covid Pandemic. January found us once again in lockdown and the services continued online, at this point we were able to pre-record the music in the church with a small group of socially distanced musicians which did help with the putting together of the services. We still recorded readings, prayers and the sermon from people's homes and the whole service was then put together prior to being uploaded onto YouTube.

We have now been able to meet together in the building for worship although at the moment we are only holding one service at 10.30am. This was made even better when we were permitted to sing. For those who still find it difficult to be in large groups, or who are self-isolating we now live stream the service each week.

The Daily Devotions set up at the beginning of the pandemic continued until the summer, the weekly Sunday Evening Prayer meetings via Zoom still continue as does the twice weekly prayer meetings. Deacons Meetings and Church Meetings are now held in person although at the beginning of the year we were still meeting on Zoom.

At Christmas we were able to hold our Annual Carols by Candlelight, a Crib Service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Worship, all three services were well attended and we also put these online.

At the end of January we said goodbye to David and Alison John who were retiring. They had been the Senior and Assistant Minister to the church for the last 11 years, this was a very poignant moment as we were still unable to meet together as a church and so all farewells were done in the open air, individually.

Following a period of pastoral vacancy, which lasted until September, we were able to welcome the Rev'd Andrew Perryman and his young family to the church at Ashley. We look forward to the coming years under his pastorate.

Youth and Children's Work

Leader – Rachel White, Youth and Children's Pastor

Family Services continued online until the summer when Rachel used the garden area by the church, this was supported by the families within the fellowship who really enjoyed being able to meet together again. Sunday School has also recommenced with all the groups meeting in the one hall as we are still finding it difficult to staff all the groups.

Core Group for the young people providing them with Bible based teaching to continue their Christian Journey have met online and in person.

The Mums and Toddlers Group which used to meet on a Monday have moved days and are now called The Ark. There is a different format with the church being cleared of chairs and set up as a café area with some comfy seating for the mums to enjoy a cup of coffee whilst watching their little ones play. This has been well received with around 60 - 80 mums and children attending each week.

At the present time all the other Youth and Children's activities still have to recommence.

Prospects and Ten10

The Ten10 group has been meeting on Zoom for social times with games, crafts and a space for prayer. Numbers vary as we are reliant on the care homes setting up Zoom. Recently they have been holding an additional meeting in the sports hall which has been well attended. The Accessible services continued online until October when they once again took place in person.

Care and Support

Christian love and care throughout the week continues to be demonstrated regularly through the home groups and pastoral support. A Coffee Morning is held regularly and a Christmas Lunch was provided in December.

The Ashley Hub

The Hub continues on a Tuesday morning with staff from the Infants, Junior and Secondary schools, facilitating a friendly welcoming place for families to meet, chat and get advice. Their vision is to support families with children from 0 to 19 to build a brighter future.

Ministry

The Church continues to reach beyond the surrounding area of Ashley by assisting, on a regular basis, other smaller Churches in the area. We continue to support financially the Baptist Home Mission and the Baptist Missionary Society, Operation Mobilisation (OM), Hope Now, Leprosy Mission and Tear Fund.

Further afield, Ashley Baptist Church has maintained strong links with Churches in Bulgaria, Moldova and the Ukraine.

Training

We continue to encourage and support the development of leaders from our membership. Jon White continues to be our Minister in Training, he is studying for an MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission at Bristol and works three days a week at the Church.

Community

Our Church car park continues to be available during the week for the parents of a local school during term time and some other local businesses, relieving congestion on the local roads.

The Car Park is also used by a Mobile Food Larder. This visits The Hub each week with both fresh and dried food provided by Fareshare. This is open to any local residents who require additional food but whose budget currently does not allow it. This also runs during the School Holidays.

The Local Pharmacy set up a Covid Vaccination Centre in the Sports Hall after Christmas which was supported by volunteers from the fellowship. They were able to vaccinate 550 people during a 7 hour period.

Financial Review

As in the previous year, the accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Receipts in the year of £180,000 (2020: £212,000), and payments of £188,000 (2020: £184,000) resulted in a deficit of £8,000 (2020: surplus of £28,000) for the year.

Receipts this year were significantly boosted by a large donation and £8,000 received under the UK Government Job Retention Scheme.

Total funds at the end of the year were £100,000 of which £8,000 was restricted.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees of Ashley Baptist Church take seriously the need to plan for the future and understand the importance of maintaining adequate reserves. Based on anticipated 'worst case' net expenditure requirements, they believe that unrestricted cash reserves on hand should be a minimum of £40,000 at any one time. At 31 December 2021, free cash reserves were £81,000 which is in excess of the requisite reserves level and the trustees are planning to use some of the additional reserves for the maintenance and upgrading of buildings owned by the charity.

Risk Statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Impact of coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic: The impact of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown by the United Kingdom government has caused a huge impact on all aspects of life in the United Kingdom. Ashley Baptist Church has not been spared, not only its financial resources but also on all aspects of church life and activities.

The church is fortunate to have a healthy level of general fund reserves to withstand short-term shocks. The church is blessed to have a large percentage of attendees who contribute electronically, which has minimised the negative impact of lockdown of church gatherings. Since lockdown, the finance team have made a very conscious effort to contact regular cash/cheque contributors and encouraged them to implement standing orders. Many have now changed their giving to on-line banking.

All other expenses are constantly reviewed to minimise unnecessary expenditure.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 10 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

P Blencowe
Secretary

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashley Baptist Church Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 8 to 11 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Dated: 16 May 2022

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Receipts				
Donations	113,556	4,035	117,591	156,024
Gift aid tax	20,972	638	21,610	21,946
Legacies	10,000	-	10,000	1,500
Lunch club	-	-	-	1,347
Youth activities	308	-	308	920
Other church activities	4,820	-	4,820	3,096
Rental income	17,154	-	17,154	10,951
Investment income	407	-	407	568
Other income	7,834	-	7,834	16,083
Total Receipts	175,051	4,673	179,724	212,435
Payments				
Ministry costs	86,478	120	86,598	91,161
Mission costs	436	-	436	1,833
Establishment costs	49,293	-	49,293	36,091
Grants paid	25,089	4,193	29,282	31,955
Office expenses	20,279	-	20,279	20,769
Accountancy	2,400	-	2,400	2,400
Church equipment	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	183,975	4,313	188,288	184,209
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers	(8,924)	360	(8,564)	28,226
Transfers between funds	0	0	-	-
Net movement in funds	(8,924)	360	(8,564)	28,226
Balances 1 January	100,167	7,993	108,160	79,934
Balances 31 December	91,243	8,353	99,596	108,160

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
1. Fixed Assets		
The insurance re-instatement values of the assets owned by the church were:		
Church Building - endowment fund	2,818,131	2,626,385
Church Contents	240,668	224,293
High Ridge Crescent property - endowment fund	390,147	342,459
Willowdene Close property - endowment fund	206,497	181,257
	<u>3,655,443</u>	<u>3,374,394</u>

The church building at 3 Lower Ashley Road, Ashley, New Milton, Hampshire BH25 5AA and the manses at High Ridge Crescent and Willowdene Close are held by the Baptist Union on behalf of the Baptist Church congregation at Ashley and are within an endowment fund.

2. Debtors

Tax recoverable - unrestricted fund	2,327	1,691
Tax recoverable - restricted funds	70	23
Total tax recoverable under HMRC gift aid scheme	<u>2,397</u>	<u>1,714</u>
Prepayments	1,188	90
	<u>3,585</u>	<u>1,804</u>

3. Bank Balances

Bank operating accounts	7,367	5,338
Bank deposits	92,229	102,822
Petty cash	-	-
	<u>99,596</u>	<u>108,160</u>
Of which relating to restricted funds	<u>8,353</u>	<u>7,993</u>

4. Liabilities

Share of Baptist pension scheme deficit. See note 4	57,300	86,400
HMRC PAYE	1,177	1,514
Other creditors	3,302	1,280
Accruals	3,196	2,852
	<u>64,975</u>	<u>92,046</u>

APPROVAL

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 10 May 2022 by:

P Blencowe (Secretary)

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts

Ashley Baptist Church

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes.

Movements in the year across all cash funds are as follows:

	Balance as at 1 January 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31 December 2021 £
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Youth minister	-	120	(120)	-	-
Evangelism/Mission/Plovdiv	6,491	3,555	(3,307)	-	6,739
Legacy fund	-	-	-	-	-
Home mission	-	345	(345)	-	-
Building fund	50	-	-	-	50
Pastoral and benevolent fund	1,452	653	(541)	-	1,564
	<u>7,993</u>	<u>4,673</u>	<u>(4,313)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,353</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Youth and other specials	3,815	5,614	(4,444)	(2,485)	2,500
Manse maintenance	9,396	-	(4,590)	2,485	7,291
	<u>13,211</u>	<u>5,614</u>	<u>(9,034)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,791</u>
<i>General Funds</i>					
	<u>86,956</u>	<u>169,437</u>	<u>(174,941)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,452</u>
	<u>100,167</u>	<u>175,051</u>	<u>(183,975)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,243</u>
Total Funds	<u>108,160</u>	<u>179,724</u>	<u>(188,288)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,596</u>

2. Agency Funds

The church holds £13,419 that has been excluded from income within the Receipts and Payments account, and from the bank balance on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, as these are agency funds held on behalf of the Bailey Trust. This has arisen as a bequest to be administered by the Bailey Trust during the lifetime of the remaining legatee before reverting to the church.

3. Related Parties

Ministry costs include the stipends paid to the minister and assistant minister as permitted by the governing document. Travel and training costs paid to ministers who were trustees is included in ministry costs. Heating allowance paid to ministers who were trustees is included in establishment costs as were moving expenses.

During the year trustee James Bromley paid rent to the Church of £10,500.

Donations from trustees and related parties amounted to £27,656.

4. Pension Scheme

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme") The Scheme is a separate legal entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited).

Benefits in respect of service prior to 1 January 2012 are provided through the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan within the Scheme. The main benefits for pre-2012 service were a defined benefit 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. 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.

The Baptist Pension Scheme have provided an estimate of the debt of the church at the year end on the assumption that the church ceased to make contributions towards the liabilities arising. This amount is shown in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1132840

Accounts

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees	Rev David John - Senior Minister (retired 31 January 2021) Rev Alison John - Assistant Minister (retired 31 January 2021) Elders: Philip Drake David Parker Catherine Bates (appointed 19 November 2020) Deacons: Jonathan Budgell - Church Treasurer (resigned 12 January 2021) Neville Keenan - Church Treasurer (resigned 5 May 2020) Pearl Blencowe - Church Secretary Lorant Padar Graham Boughey (resigned 19 November 2020) Diane Shinn Trevor Milchard David Waterman Trevor Stickland Paul Cousins Jill Goodey Janet Riddy (appointed 19 November 2020) James Bromley (appointed 19 November 2020)
Governing Document	Constitution dated 18 July 2019
Charity Registration Number	1132840
Correspondence Address	3 Lower Ashley Road Ashley New Milton Hampshire BH25 5AA
Independent Examiner	Nigel Hewson FCA DChA Hewsons 80 Woodhurst Avenue Orpington Kent BR5 1AT
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd, West Malling, Kent HSBC, New Milton, Hampshire Lloyds, New Milton, Hampshire

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year.

Objects of the charity

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by building up a growing, evangelical, united, relevant and contemporary, outward-looking Church, bringing glory to God and blessing to all in the area.

Government

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Charity.

Trustees are elected to serve by church members.

Review of Activities

Our activities continue to reflect our mission statement: "To Know Christ –To Make Christ Known"

Along with the whole country, this year has been very different due to Covid 19. January and February followed the same pattern as in previous years with two services in the morning and an evening service each week. The 9.30 service being more quiet and reflective and the 11.00 service more contemporary. This service is normally attended by a number of folk from local learning disability homes along with their carers and they are an integral part of our Church family. Evening services provided an eclectic mix of worship from the meditative Taize style to the loud and modern Furnace service.

Following the first lockdown in March the services went online which for many of us was a steep learning curve. We continued with one service each week until October when an afternoon online Silver Service consisting of more traditional hymns with a short message was started. This has been well received by the older members of our congregation.

Alongside our services the ministers have provided an online daily devotional and for those who do not have access to the internet, each week a printed version of the devotionals and a transcript of the sermon are posted out. Once a month a DVD of the broadcast service is also included in this distribution.

Other meetings have been held on Zoom, a weekly Prayer Meeting started at Easter and continues to meet each Sunday evening, the Deacons initially met weekly and have now reverted to their monthly meeting and Church Meetings have also been held online. Our House groups have been very inventive on how they have kept in touch with one another via Whatsapp, Zoom and when the restriction were eased managing to meet in small groups.

Once churches were allowed to meet, a socially distanced Reflective Service was held in the Sports Hall on a Sunday afternoon, as the weather got colder this was moved into the sanctuary. Then at the beginning of November the first service in the church was held after a great deal of preparation, this was curtailed by the second lockdown but recommenced in December.

Over the Christmas period we broadcast "Silent Carols by Candlelight", at home with the John's and a Service on Christmas Morning.

Projects

Working in conjunction with The Hub plans were put in place at the start of the year to provide a hot meal twice a month for invited families in need on a Wednesday between 5 and 7.30, and would include table games and coffee in the café area. This would happen all through the year including school holidays. The families would be invited to pay a small fee to avoid them thinking it was "charity". Due to begin in the Easter School holidays this has had to be put on hold for the time being.

Another project we are hosting in our car park is the Mobile Larder. This will visit The Hub weekly with both fresh and dried food provided by Fareshare. This is open to any local residents who require additional food but whose budget currently does not allow it. This also runs during the School Holidays.

Youth and Children's Work

Leader – Rachel White, Youth and Children's Pastor

At the beginning of the year Rachel was on maternity leave and came back to work following a time of furlough in September to a different world. She has however begun, again via social media a Family Service once a month. Although this does not attract as many families as we would like, those that watch and take part really enjoy it. She planned a Nativity at Christmas, recording each child separately and then stitching it altogether prior to being broadcast.

Once a week on a Sunday there is a 4 Minute Story which is broadcast prior to the Morning Service

Core Group for the young people continues to meet online providing them with Bible based teaching to continue their Christian Journey.

At the present time all the other Youth and Children's activities have suspended.

Prospects and Ten10

The Ten10 group has been meeting on Zoom for social times with games, crafts and a space for prayer. Numbers vary as we are reliant on the care homes setting up Zoom. The Accessible services have gone online and have been well received.

Care and Support

Christian love and care throughout the week continues to be demonstrated regularly through the home groups and pastoral support mainly by phone although there have been a number of doorstep visits.

One of the Deacons is a governor at the Junior School.

The Ashley Hub

The Hub continued on a Tuesday morning at the beginning of the year with staff from the Infants, Junior and Secondary schools, facilitating a friendly welcoming place for families to meet, chat and get advice. Their vision is to support families with children from 0 to 19 to build a brighter future. The Baby Clinic is held at the same time strengthening our ties to the local community. Due to the pandemic this has been suspended for the time being.

Ministry

The Church continues to reach beyond the surrounding area of Ashley by assisting, on a regular basis, other smaller Churches in the area. We continue to support financially the Baptist Home Mission and the Baptist Missionary Society, Operation Mobilisation (OM), Hope Now, Leprosy Mission, LEAF and Tear Fund.

Further afield, Ashley Baptist Church has maintained strong links with Churches in Bulgaria, Moldova and the Ukraine.

Training

We continue to encourage and support the development of leaders from our membership, Neil Jones was inducted into the Ministry at Barrow-on-Soar Baptist Church in September. Jon White continues to be our Minister in Training. He is studying for an MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission at Bristol and works three days a week at the Church.

We said goodbye to our two Moorlands students this year as they have moved onto another placement.

Community

Our Church car park continues to be available during the week for the parents of a local school during term time and some other local businesses, relieving congestion on the local roads.

Financial Review

As in the previous year, the accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Receipts in the year of £212,000 (2019: £170,000), and payments of £184,000 (2019: 213,000) resulted in a surplus of £28,000 (2019: deficit of £43,000) for the year.

Receipts this year were significantly boosted by a large donation and £16,000 received under the UK Government Job Retention Scheme.

Total funds at the end of the year were £108,160 of which £7,878 was restricted.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees of Ashley Baptist Church take seriously the need to plan for the future and understand the importance of maintaining adequate reserves. Based on anticipated 'worst case' net expenditure requirements, they believe that unrestricted cash reserves on hand should be a minimum of £40,000 at any one time. At 31 December 2020, free cash reserves were £106,000 which is in excess of the requisite reserves level and the trustees are planning to use some of the additional reserves for the maintenance and upgrading of buildings owned by the charity.

Risk Statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Impact of coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic: The impact of COVID-19 and the subsequent lockdown by the United Kingdom government has caused a huge impact on all aspects of life in the United Kingdom. Ashley Baptist Church has not been spared, not only its financial resources but also on all aspects of church life and activities.

The church is fortunate to have a healthy level of general fund reserves to withstand short-term shocks. The church is blessed to have a large percentage of attendees who contribute electronically, which has minimised the negative impact of lockdown of church gatherings. Since lockdown, the finance team have made a very conscious effort to contact regular cash/cheque contributors and encouraged them to implement standing orders. Many have now changed their giving to on-line banking.

All other expenses are constantly reviewed to minimise unnecessary expenditure.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 13 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

P Blencowe
Secretary

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ashley Baptist Church Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 8 to 11 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

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Dated: 23 July 2021

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Receipts				
Donations	149,354	6,670	156,024	118,481
Gift aid tax	20,520	1,426	21,946	20,919
Legacies	1,500	-	1,500	-
Lunch club	1,347	-	1,347	6,542
Youth activities	920	-	920	4,570
Other church activities	3,096	-	3,096	7,400
Rental income	10,951	-	10,951	11,509
Investment income	568	-	568	626
Other income	16,083	-	16,083	-
Total Receipts	204,339	8,096	212,435	170,047
Payments				
Ministry costs	90,534	627	91,161	104,879
Mission costs	1,330	503	1,833	8,902
Establishment costs	36,091	-	36,091	50,590
Grants paid	25,846	6,109	31,955	25,190
Office expenses	20,769	-	20,769	19,530
Accountancy	2,400	-	2,400	1,440
Church equipment	-	-	-	2,358
Total Payments	176,970	7,239	184,209	212,889
Net Receipts/(Payments) before transfers	27,369	857	28,226	(42,842)
Transfers between funds	2,314	(2,314)	-	-
Net movement in funds	29,683	(1,457)	28,226	(42,842)
Balances 1 January	70,484	9,450	79,934	122,776
Balances 31 December	100,167	7,993	108,160	79,934

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
1. Fixed Assets		
The insurance re-instatement values of the assets owned by the church were:		
Church Building - endowment fund	2,626,385	2,626,385
Church Contents	224,293	224,293
High Ridge Crescent property - endowment fund	342,459	342,459
Willowdene Close property - endowment fund	181,257	181,257
	<u>3,374,394</u>	<u>3,374,394</u>
The church building at 3 Lower Ashley Road, Ashley, New Milton, Hampshire BH25 5AA and the manses at High Ridge Crescent and Willowdene Close are held by the Baptist Union on behalf of the Baptist Church congregation at Ashley and are within an endowment fund.		
2. Debtors		
Tax recoverable - unrestricted fund	1,691	1,387
Tax recoverable - restricted funds	23	159
Total tax recoverable under HMRC gift aid scheme	<u>1,714</u>	<u>1,546</u>
Prepayments	90	-
	<u>1,804</u>	<u>1,546</u>
3. Bank Balances		
Bank operating accounts	5,338	2,604
Bank deposits	102,822	77,330
Petty cash	-	-
	<u>108,160</u>	<u>79,934</u>
Of which relating to restricted funds	<u>7,993</u>	<u>9,450</u>
4. Liabilities		
Share of Baptist pension scheme deficit. See note 4	86,400	87,000
HMRC PAYE	1,514	1,036
Other creditors	1,280	2,229
Accruals	2,852	2,737
	<u>92,046</u>	<u>93,002</u>

APPROVAL

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 13 July 2021 by:

P Blencowe (Secretary)

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Ashley Baptist Church

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Funds

The restricted funds represent amounts received for specific purposes.

Movements in the year across all cash funds are as follows:

	Balance as at				Balance as at
	1 January				31 December
	2020	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
Youth minister	-	627	(627)	-	-
Evangelism/Mission/Plovdiv	6,911	3,401	(3,936)	115	6,491
Legacy fund	2,314	-	-	(2,314)	-
Home mission	225	250	(360)	(115)	-
Building fund	-	50	-	-	50
Pastoral and benevolent fund	-	3,768	(2,316)	-	1,452
	<u>9,450</u>	<u>8,096</u>	<u>(7,239)</u>	<u>(2,314)</u>	<u>7,993</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Designated Funds</i>					
Youth and other specials	-	9,513	(5,698)	-	3,815
Manse maintenance	-	10,500	(1,104)	-	9,396
	<u>-</u>	<u>20,013</u>	<u>(6,802)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,211</u>
<i>General Funds</i>	<u>70,484</u>	<u>184,326</u>	<u>(170,168)</u>	<u>2,314</u>	<u>86,956</u>
	<u>70,484</u>	<u>204,339</u>	<u>(176,970)</u>	<u>2,314</u>	<u>100,167</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>79,934</u></u>	<u><u>212,435</u></u>	<u><u>(184,209)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>108,160</u></u>

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The church holds £13,287 that has been excluded from income within the Receipts and Payments account, and from the bank balance on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, as these are agency funds held on behalf of the Bailey Trust. This has arisen as a bequest to be administered by the Bailey Trust during the lifetime of the remaining legatee before reverting to the church.

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During the year trustee James Bromley paid rent to the Church of £10,500.

Donations from trustees and related parties amounted to £31,488.

4. Pension Scheme

The Church is an employer participating in a pension scheme known as the Baptist Pension Scheme ("the Scheme") The Scheme is a separate legal entity which is administered by the Pension Trustee (Baptist Pension Trust Limited).

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