

ASHLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
(RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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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

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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

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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.

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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
	<u>4,198,957</u>	<u>3,655,443</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	2,451	2,327
Tax recoverable - restricted funds	0	70
Total tax recoverable under HMRC gift aid scheme	<u>2,451</u>	<u>2,397</u>
Prepayments	227	1,188
	<u>2,678</u>	<u>3,585</u>

3. Bank Balances

Bank operating accounts	3,327	7,367
Bank deposits	70,745	92,229
Petty cash	-	-
	<u>74,072</u>	<u>99,596</u>
Of which relating to restricted funds	<u>16,192</u>	<u>8,353</u>

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
	<u>26,405</u>	<u>64,975</u>

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APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS
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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

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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
	<u>8,353</u>	<u>21,394</u>	<u>13,559</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,188</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
Specials	1,500	3,074	4,499		75
NISA	1,000				1,000
Manse maintenance	7,290	612	5,051		2,851
	<u>9,790</u>	<u>3,686</u>	<u>9,550</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,926</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	<u>81,452</u>	<u>160,519</u>	<u>188,015</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53,956</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Funds	<u>99,595</u>	<u>185,599</u>	<u>211,124</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74,070</u>
	£	£	£	£	£

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.

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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.

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.