



Taunton Baptist Church

2024 Report

Report for Charity

Commission

Taunton Baptist Church Review of 2024

Regular Activities

Being a church means that meeting together with one another for worship and prayer and the study of God's Word is important to us, as is the mandate to reach others with the good news of Jesus Christ. Pastoral care is also an important part of our life together, providing support for those facing particular challenges and difficulties. With a considerable number of elderly people in our congregation, this is an important area of work. Our Home Groups are at the core of this work and several members are involved in home and hospital visits.

Involvement of children and young people is also an important part of our activities. These are aimed at introducing people to the Christian faith in the context of fun and a variety of activities.

Ministry

Revd Richard Matcham continued to serve as our minister through 2024. During the year, we had 1 baptism and 2 weddings. Richard had a Sabbatical from September to November, and during this time several members of our congregation preached through a series on the parables of Jesus.

Our Families' Worker, Amy Farrar, continued heading up the ministry with under 11s and their families.

ALPHA Course

We started 2024 running the ALPHA Course (January to April) with 12-15 people attending.

Church Weekend

Janet Blake once again organised the Church weekend away, to the Carlton Hotel in Torquay. We had over 100 people attending.

Bereavement Training

With several of our congregation having faced bereavement in the past 12 months we held a bereavement workshop which was led by Rev Ann Fulton, Chaplain at St Margarets Hospice Care. This was to help us understand our own grief responses as well as to equip us to be able to come alongside others to support them in their loss and bereavement.

Visit of incoming BU President, Revd Steve Finamore

We had a special evening service on Sunday 18th February when Revd Steve Finamore, the incoming President of the Baptist Union and Emeritus Principal of Bristol Baptist College, spoke about his hopes for his year as BU President. There was also an opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns about various matters.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

53 shoeboxes were filled and sent to Blythswood for distribution in Ukraine – forming part of well over 7000 other boxes collected in this area.

Church Members' Meetings

There were six Church Members' Meetings in 2024: 23rd January, 26th March, 28th May, 23rd July, 24th September, and 26th November, with the March meeting being the AGM. At the meetings we discussed the ongoing matters relating to the life and ministry of the Church. The minutes and finance report were sent out to the members and are available to read on the members' section of our website.

We also had a Special Church Members' Meeting on 23rd January 2024 to discuss becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Leadership

At our AGM in March, we held the election for the Leadership Team. William Venn was elected to serve as Treasurer and Barbara Wager to serve as Deacon.

Charitable Status

The Church took the decision to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) at a Special Church Meeting on 23rd January 2024. Working with the Baptist Union Legal Department and ACS Solicitors, the process was completed in August 2024. The Treasurer is now undertaking the transfer of the Church's assets in readiness for full incorporation in 2025.

Safeguarding Report – Janet Gillett (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

It is a sad reality that there are people within society who wish to cause harm to children and vulnerable adults. It is our duty to put barriers in the way to make this difficult for them and to prevent harm being done. We do this by making sure all those in contact with children and youth, leading homegroups, leading other church promoted activities, and the Leadership Team are all trained to recognise when there may be a potentially harmful situation. They are also trained to know how what to do. We cannot be too vigilant, and whilst TBC conducts a DBS (police check) on all those noted above, this is a small part of protecting those at risk of harm. TBC hosted a regional training day in November when several TBC people attended. To keep safeguarding in the spotlight it is a regular agenda item at the Leadership Team monthly meetings and at Church Meetings.

TBC continues to subscribe to ThirtyOneEight, a Christian safeguarding organisation, that is available to provide advice. We are also well supported by SWBA safeguarding lead, Kath Needham. Whilst there have been no reportable safeguarding incidents during 2024, that is to a statutory agency, there have been a few occasions when I have been involved in discussions when concerns about possible safeguarding issues have arisen. It is always better to raise a concern than think it's not important.

My thanks to Julian Morant for his help with DBS checking and Karen Maxwell for ongoing vigilance. For a number of years Steve Purches was also a valued member of the safeguarding team at TBC and we are grateful for his support.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Report – Steven Reed (Data Protection Officer)

One of the main purposes of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is to protect individuals' fundamental rights and freedoms, particularly their right to protection of their personal data.

At TBC we therefore recognise that a person's personal data (name, address, email address, telephone number, etc) belongs to them and we only use this privileged information with the owner's permission. If we hold a person's personal data on file and use it for communication and administration purposes the owner will have signed a GDPR form agreeing to this. Even then, we must always be prepared to justify the use of their information.

We continue to be registered with the government's body, the ICO (Information Commissioner's Office). Our church policy on GDPR is in date. The BU (Baptist Union) provides us with updates and recommends policy changes where necessary. There have been no reportable data breaches in the year under review.

External Activities

Our ministry goes beyond the church doors with members involved in:

- Taunton Street Pastors which support people on the streets of Taunton at weekends through the evenings into the early morning, helping to make the town safer
- The Hospital Chaplaincy
- Town Centre Chaplaincy - volunteer chaplains are allocated to participating stores, offices and other places of employment and other locations such as a homeless hostel to be available to provide a listening ear or encouragement, etc, to staff and others
- The Taunton Foodbank which provides emergency food for local people in crisis
- Charis which provides accommodation and support to Syrian refugee families and advice to others working with refugee families
- Taunton Area Debt Advice

Room Hire/Outside Groups

We continue to have a good number of outside groups who hire different rooms. This included the following groups:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CareTech – Training for Adult Care• Coffee, Chat & Support Group• First Aid Training• Hampton Trust – Adult Education• Maths & English• Release International• Safe Families• Sewing Classes• Sign Health• Somerset Christian Chinese Church• Slimming World | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Somerset Industrial Archaeological Society• Somerset Carers NHS group• SWYM Cluster Meeting• Quantock Club Coffee Morning• Taunton Youth Gathering• Taunton Guides• The Big Noise Street Band• West Somerset Singers Christmas Concert• Youth for Christ Focus Day• World Day of Prayer |
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Church Membership Statistics

Membership 31st December 2023:	110
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New Members:	4
Chris Harris	
Ray and Louise Evans	
Keziah Cracknell	
Deaths:	-8
Dorothy Robertson	
Ken Norris	
Dave Jones	
Joy Venn	
Vivienne Harkus	
Steve Purches	
Julie Kingett	
Jack Bell	
Resignations:	-4
Satnam Laurd	
Alison Laurd	
Vicky Johnson	
Margaret Adam	
Transfers:	0
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Membership 31st December 2024:	102

Ministry Reports 2024

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

YOUTH

Grace Honer joined us in September 2024 from Washington State, USA, for a one-year placement as a South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) trainee. Grace is undertaking the foundation year of training for youth work. SWYM provides weekly cluster group meetings for trainees in the local area which are usually held in Yeovil, and six conference weeks at Lee Abbey. TBC provides line management (Mike Wager), mentorship (Lauren Jewhurst), hosting (Janet Gillett) and hospitality from the church.

Grace, with help from the Church, has restarted Friday night Lighthouse meetings, participated and led Sparkz and worked with the Taunton Youth Gathering team, organising joint events. She has also been out with Taunton Youth for Christ each week and has ongoing study for her course.

We are enriched by her presence and pray she will flourish during the year that she is with us at TBC. We are also grateful to all those who support these activities, without whom none of this would be possible. We need God's grace and help as we do our best to support these young people, as they navigate their teenage years in an ever-changing society.

Here is her report.

Janet Gillett

Sparkz

Throughout this year we had 5 to 8 young people join us for our 'Sparkz' sessions on Sunday mornings, ranging in age from 11 to 17. We looked at Urban Saints materials and over the summer we learned about 'Christian Characteristics'. We have recently begun to use new material from the Bible Society with a programme titled 'Six Beats One Story' that our Sparkz team takes turns leading. This goes through some key points in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This material provides many different types of learning styles and seems to be engaging. These Sunday morning sessions have been an opportunity for us to dive deeper into the Bible as a group and have times of discussion.

Lighthouse

On Friday, 4th of October we restarted our weekly Friday night youth group where we generally have between 5 and 10 young people attending. The usual Friday night consists of free time where they can make use of the youth suite upstairs, playing games or chatting with their friends whilst having some snacks and drinks. We follow this up with group games usually in the main hall and then gather together upstairs to have a Bible-based discussion followed by an opportunity for prayer. This has been a really great space for young people to be able to build friendships and play games in a safe space – but also to hear about Jesus and how He can uniquely work through all of their lives.

Taunton Youth Gathering

TYG is the gathering of different churches, TBC, Trull Church, Creech St Michael and Vineyard. It is an opportunity for the youth groups to meet more people that live in the area and share fellowship and worship time. Most of the time

this is held at TBC, running once every 1-2 months with a general attendance of 30 young people. On 25th of January, a southwest worship ministry called Movement came and held a worship night for TYG at TBC. This consisted of snacks and drinks, an ice-breaker game, time of worship, and a short teaching session. This was a really great space for young people to come and worship the Lord with other people their age.

Grace Honer

ADULTS

PASTORAL CARE – Steve Reed

As an Elder with responsibility for Pastoral Care, my emphasis is on visiting those who are unable to get to church for whatever reason, bringing them Holy Communion, fellowship and prayer.

If people choose, visits are monthly with Holy Communion. However, a more regular visit might be necessary if the need arises. Importantly, there are others who also visit and fellowship with friends and I am not seeking to interfere with these important links and arrangements. Pastoral care is, after all, a shared responsibility involving the whole church.

It is a real joy for me to visit those who have contributed so much of their lives to TBC and to hear their stories and testimonies. Let us never forget that what we enjoy today is down to those who so faithfully served in the past.

If you know of someone whom you think is missing out on pastoral care, please give me a call.

PRAYER NETWORK – Janet Gillett & Carole Weetman

We get requests for prayer to the Prayer Network from our fellowship either for themselves or for other people. We only ask that the recipient of the prayer request has given their consent for this to be shared and they have an association with TBC in some way. These requests are emailed to more than 65 email addresses, so be assured there are many people praying for any single request. This must encourage your hearts as it does ours!

God calls us to call upon Him and it is so encouraging to see prayers answered. So, be assured the Church family are upholding you in prayer when we receive your requests.

Let us give thanks to God for this ministry and we ask for His blessing to be upon Janet and myself as we seek to serve Him in this way.

Thank you

Carole and Janet.

HOMEGROUPS – Janet Gillett

We are called to be in relationship with God, with ourselves, with one another and with our community. Homegroups provide another space in which we can seek to build on all these areas of relationship when we meet, pray, share Bible study and pastorally support one another within these groups and in our community.

All homegroups meet twice monthly with one group meeting online. Steve Purches skilfully led this online group along with Lauren Jewhurst. Since Steve's unexpected death in December last year the group of 15 has rallied around one another, and as Steve would have wished, not collapsed but found a new way of running the group. This is a demonstration of the safe relationships that are created in homegroups to allow space for spiritual growth and new

leadership. There are 5 other groups meeting in person, including a new group hosted by Steve Reed (and Hazel) with around 70 people attending.

We thank God for His many blessings to us through these groups, and for the years of homegroup leadership that Steve and Clare provided, both in their own home and via Zoom.

RENDEZVOUS – Dorothy Skinner

Rendezvous has continued throughout the year, meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Six different leaders lead the sessions in turn and choose their own speakers either from our own fellowship or beyond. Each session includes prayer, singing, Bible reading, celebration of birthdays, and a speaker (topics and testimonies, etc.). At the end of each session, we enjoy tea together (sandwiches, savouries, cakes, etc.) Our numbers are increasing and 55 have met with us over the past year. Our average attendance is 34. Grateful thanks are due to our leaders and speakers, to Janice Moody who organises and prepares our teas, to Mike and Barbara Wager who operate the tech desk with whatever is needed, and to those who provide transport and send cards etc. When Mavis Skeggs can be with us, we have a table selling her beautiful hand-made cards. A very warm welcome awaits you if you would like to join us, and any help with transport would be much appreciated.

Dorothy, Eric and the Team

COFFEE PLUS – Dorothy Skinner

Friday mornings, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm.

Coffee Plus has continued weekly, going from strength to strength. Our members are very loyal, and for some, Friday mornings are the highlight of their week. We also have a number of friends who pop in when they can and just enjoy coffee, biscuits or cake. Since our last report we have had 79 joining us through the year. We have 28 regular members plus 51 who have popped in from time to time (including two physiotherapists). Our average attendance is 24, but we have welcomed 35. The 'plus' part of our name includes card making, scrapbooking, knitting, crochet, embroidery, jewellery making and adult colouring. Our gentlemen enjoy puzzles, word searches etc, and some just enjoy a coffee and chat. Our members know that if they need to talk or need prayer, we are there for them. We give a very warm welcome to all to join us and some practical help would be appreciated.

Dorothy, Hazel and Gail

“GIRLS” TOGETHER – Iris Powell

We had another good year with interesting talks.

We started the year with Martin Ingrams telling about his life as a postman. This was really interesting and amusing accompanied by slides.

We had talks on Easter Customs, Health & Wellbeing, Somerset Sight, a talk by Rita Standford on her book To Paddle my Feet which was a fascinating story of living with disability.

Our Visit to Dartmouth was a great success; some went round the Naval College and some did their own thing. We had a beautiful sunny day, so a great day was had by all.

We went to Vivary to play indoor bowls and had lunch – great fun and much enjoyed.

In a change of programme Ron took us down memory lane with events from the past at Church.
We had Christmas Craft and finished the year with Christmas Music & Carols and party food.
We have an interesting programme for 2025. Do come & join us; you will be very welcome.
Iris, Janet & Clare

KNIT AND NATTER – Anne Hopkins & Christine Bickerstaff

Thank you all for your support for Knit and Natter. Can't believe we have been going for nearly 12 years now!

We have had another busy year with a steady number of about 12 core ladies but a slow drip of new ladies as well, making it about 30 on the books in total. Thankfully, not everyone comes at the same time or we may have a space issue! Most of the ladies that come don't go to any other church, though a few do. They all know that this is a Christian group, though, and remark on how different it is to any other group they go to. The group is very supportive and loving, and we are often asked to pray in the kitchen (or other rooms) as we listen to peoples' issues, or we will offer to if prayer is not requested. As well as being light-hearted, we also do discuss more serious issues and try and bring a Jesus viewpoint to them.



At Christmas we give out a card made by Christine and a present that is linked to the Church in some way (we did make a manger scene over a few years!) and have recently given a Bible to one of the ladies who didn't have one but wanted one. Several of the ladies have started coming to church and others have been asking questions about it too. Please pray that we can continue in this work of showing God's love and care to these lovely ladies and the best way to move forward as the group continues to grow. Thank you. Any questions, just ask Anne H & Christine B.

MEN'S GROUP – Graham Weetman & Martin Ingrams

The Men's Group has continued to meet at different venues for breakfasts, games of skittles and various other activities. An outing to Haynes Motor Museum was a big success and well attended. Future events planned include a visit to Oakham Treasures, Hollywood Bowl and indoor bowls with a meal at Vivary Park.

Our mission is to continue inviting friends and neighbours, and are grateful to all who support and attend. We now try to include a time at each meeting for sharing testimonies to all.

Meetings are normally on the 2nd Friday of the month.

CHURCH WEEKEND 2nd – 4th February 2024 – Janet Blake

Late afternoon on Friday 2nd February, 103 of us made the journey by car or coach to the Carlton Hotel in Torquay for our 7th church weekend. We were once again made very welcome by the hotel and after a 1st evening dinner we all gathered together for a short time of fellowship and we welcomed our speakers for the weekend Rev Paul Lynch and his wife Liz.

After breakfast on Saturday morning, we met together for a morning of worship and teaching from Paul & Liz Lynch. They spoke of their passion is to bring the heart of God to the heart of the people and also shared aspects of their personal life.

The younger members met together in a nearby room led by Glenda, a staff member at South West Baptist Association and a colleague of hers from Teignmouth Baptist Church.

Saturday afternoon was free for us all to spend as we pleased. After dinner, as had become TBC tradition was our entertainment & talent evening, compared by Tony Shaw. An excellent variety of “acts” performed, ending with a musical finale for everyone to join in... but no marriage proposals this year!

Sunday morning we all joined together for a traditional morning service including communion. After a delicious 2 course lunch, we said our goodbyes and returned to our homes.

TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES
OF TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

I report on the accounts of Taunton Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which incorporate the Statement of Financial Activities, The Balance Sheet and accompanying Notes to the Accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not requirement for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The charity's trustees have requested me to undertake an independent examination and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to; examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; to follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matter have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. That examination includes a review of the accounting records maintained by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act.have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2024 £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>	2	95,699	-	95,699	84,861
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>	3	7,811	1,760	9,571	6,510
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>	4	31,440	-	31,440	30,862
<i>Income from investments</i>	5	4,525	-	4,525	4,505
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>139,475</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>141,235</u>	<u>126,738</u>
RESOURCES USED					
<i>Grants</i>	6	15,500	2,105	17,605	16,115
<i>Activities relating directly to the work of the church</i>	7	102,130	-	102,130	89,772
<i>Church management and administration</i>	8	41,620	-	41,620	43,374
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		<u>159,250</u>	<u>2,105</u>	<u>161,355</u>	<u>149,261</u>
NET (OUTGOING) / INCOMING RESOURCES		(19,775)	(345)	(20,120)	(22,523)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(19,775)</u>	<u>(345)</u>	<u>(20,120)</u>	<u>(22,523)</u>
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD		139,553	196,925	336,478	359,001
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>119,778</u></u>	<u><u>196,580</u></u>	<u><u>316,358</u></u>	<u><u>336,478</u></u>

TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
<i>Tangible fixed assets</i>	9		211,990		211,755
<i>Investments - BU Corporation (Baptists Together)</i>			-		44,903
CURRENT ASSETS					
<i>Debtors</i>		3,384		6,386	
<i>Cash at bank and in hand</i>	10	106,708		85,131	
		<u>110,092</u>		<u>91,517</u>	
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
		<u>6,304</u>		<u>11,697</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			103,788		79,820
NET ASSETS					
			<u>315,778</u>		<u>336,478</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted			119,778		139,553
Restricted:	11				
<i>Special collections</i>		-		925	
		<u>-</u>		<u>925</u>	
Endowment	12		196,000		196,000
			<u>315,778</u>		<u>336,478</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

(a) Consecrated and beneficed property is excluded from the accounts.

No value is placed on moveable church furnishings which are regarded as inalienable from the church buildings.

Improvements to the church buildings are written off in the year expended, Equipment is capitalised at cost.

(b) Depreciation is calculated to write off assets on a straight line over 10 years from the date of purchase.

(c) Incoming Resources: All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(d) Resources expended: Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(e) Funds: Unrestricted funds represent funds of the Church that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to general purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. Details are in note 11 to the accounts.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES FROM DONORS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
Offerings	72,557	-	72,557	64,851
Tax recoverable	16,457	-	16,457	14,260
Sundry grants and donations	6,685	-	6,685	5,750
	<u>95,699</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,699</u>	<u>84,861</u>

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3 OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
Donations	607	1,760	2,367	2,040
Linked groups	5,928	-	5,928	4,470
Legacies	1,276	-	1,276	-
	<u>7,811</u>	<u>1,760</u>	<u>9,571</u>	<u>6,510</u>

4 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE AND ANCILLARY TRADING

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
Rents	31,440	-	31,440	30,862
	<u>31,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,440</u>	<u>30,862</u>

5 INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
Interest	4,525	-	4,525	4,505
	<u>4,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,525</u>	<u>4,505</u>

6 GRANTS - CHARITABLE GIVING

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
Baptist Missionary Society	6,090	-	6,090	5,490
Home Mission	6,090	-	6,090	5,490
B M S Christmas Appeal	-	-	-	372
B M S Birthday Scheme	-	1,180	1,180	840
BMS Harvest Appeal	-	-	-	771
B M S other	-	-	-	207
Other	3,320	925	4,245	2,945
	<u>15,500</u>	<u>2,105</u>	<u>17,605</u>	<u>16,115</u>

TAUNTON BAPTIST CHURCH
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7 ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
Ministry Team	44,899	-	44,899	37,878
Church building maintenance	6,945	-	6,945	6,906
Pulpit supplies	-	-	-	1,963
Insurance	1,607	-	1,607	5,973
Lighting and heating	6,191	-	6,191	4,127
Rates and water	632	-	632	515
Weekend	1,982	-	1,982	1,464
Children and Youth work	31,129	-	31,129	25,744
Training - SWYM	2,625	-	2,625	225
Outreach	449	-	449	396
Depreciation	1,994	-	1,994	1,772
Linked groups	3,677	-	3,677	2,809
	<u>102,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,130</u>	<u>89,772</u>

8 CHURCH MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
Administrator and caretaker	32,008	-	32,008	29,548
Stationery and office expenses	5,139	-	5,139	4,353
Miscellaneous	1,761	-	1,761	3,919
Other property maintenance	2,412	-	2,412	5,194
Accountancy	300	-	300	360
	<u>41,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,620</u>	<u>43,374</u>

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9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
			2024 £	2023 £
Land - purchased	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
Manse at valuation	-	196,000	196,000	196,000
	-	200,000	200,000	200,000
Equipment and furnishings				
Book value at 1 January 2024	11,755	-	11,755	12,899
Additions	2,227	-	2,227	628
	13,982	-	13,984	13,527
Depreciation	1,994	-	1,994	1,772
	11,988	-	11,990	11,755
Total	11,988	200,000	211,990	211,755

Items of furniture and equipment held since before 1996 are not included in the above.

The church buildings and contents were insured for the following amounts for the year to December 2024:

	£
Buildings	7,043,650
Contents	251,559
Manse	538,701
Manse contents	25,000

10 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2024 £	2023 £
Lloyds	-	884
Current account	610	96
Baptists Together	86,610	489
CafGold account	19,120	11,212
Linked Groups cash	314	494
Baptists Together 7 day account	-	71,937
Cash in Hand	54	19
	106,708	85,131

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11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Special Collections Fund		
Balance b/fwd	925	925
Donations	-	2,040
Interest	-	-
	<u>925</u>	<u>2,965</u>
Giving	<u>925</u>	<u>2,040</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>925</u>

12 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Manse		
Valuation b/fwd	196,000	196,000
Revaluation in the year	-	-
	<u>196,000</u>	<u>196,000</u>

The Manse buildings are treated as Endowments because although the income generated from them can be used for general purposes the capital has to remain intact.