

PRESTON BAPTIST CHURCH, PAIGNTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1133521

Details

Other names	PBC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-01-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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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: Sunday worship services, Messy Church, midweek prayer and Bible study groups, Ladies Fellowship, Community Garden. Weddings, funerals and baptisms. Holy Communion once a month. Grant-making to other Christian charities (including aid work). The church operates a Coffee Shop every weekday morning, and hosts a Pre-School 5 days a week. Also a Toddler group.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Torbay

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2024-12-31		£0	£0	-	-
2023-12-31	£115,806	£81,096		-	-
2022-12-31	£148,137	£108,121		-	-
2021-12-31	£97,314	£80,124		-	-
2020-12-31	£90,839	£89,110		-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Marion Harper		2019-05-26

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Preston Baptist Church, Paignton
Charity Number 1133521
Trustees Annual Report
Year Ended 31st December 2023 (January – September)

Aims and Purposes

The principle aim of Preston Baptist Church, Paignton (the Church) is the advancement of the Christian faith in general and within our local area in particular. We are an open and accessible community that is committed to welcoming and assisting all who wish to worship and learn more about God. We offer spiritual help and support and find opportunities for service within the Church fellowship and local community. We support missionary and charitable works in the UK and various parts of the world.

Befriending

Church members are encouraged to make a difference in our community by personally reaching out to family, friends, work colleagues and strangers, with the Christian Gospel. This can be a costly thing to do in terms of time and energy, but has the potential to be hugely rewarding. The Church offers financial support to missions both at home in the UK and abroad, and to community groups. The Church members decide at the start of each financial year which mission agencies and community groups they want to financially support from ten per cent (10%) of our Church offerings and donations. In addition the Church will have additional retiring offering giving special opportunity for members and friends of the Church to give to a particular cause. We also look to financially support members and friends of the Church and those in the community who are going through hard, difficult times. The fund such gifts the Church takes up a special offering at our monthly communion service and members are also invited to give to this Pastoral Fund as and when they are able.

Achievements

The Church, has come together to worship God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; where prayer is foremost; explores the Christian faith and together learn and understand more and so grow in our personal and corporate faith; discovers and implements our vision; comes together to get to know and support each other better; offers a warm, open and friendly welcome to the community; a place of generosity offering a Warm Space and free food and refreshments to the community and offering a food club to those in need and suffering with the cost of living crisis; seen a growth in our children's work on a Sunday and at Messy Church, and other special children's events; where groups have been formed including a bereavement support group and Trinity discipleship; has developed our grounds and community garden into productive and areas of beauty; offers a safe and happy environment for the hire of our halls for community events.

Activities

The Church is open throughout the week to the community, and hosts a variety of activities for all ages, including Sunday Worship, Bible Study / Home groups, Mums and Toddlers Groups, Messy Church, Mummy and Me, a Food Club, and a Café offering free refreshments along with bi-monthly Church Meetings, monthly Leaders Meetings, Holy Communion is observed once a month and weddings, baptisms, dedications and funerals are conducted on request. Our rooms are used regularly by a variety of community groups. Christian Festivals are celebrated and

attended by many who do not normally worship regularly with us. Our halls are used every weekday during term time by Preston Community Pre-School which operates as a separate charity and pays a commercial rent to the Church.

Messy Church

This popular event reaches out to families with young children after school once a month. Crafts, games and activities are themed on a particular story from the Bible and parents are invited to take part. Following a brief act of worship, a hot meal is provided and we all eat as a family. The event is free and serviced by volunteers from within the Church. It is regularly attended by some 30-40 people who greatly appreciate the time, space and facilities for families to enjoy doing creative things together in a Christian environment free from domestic pressures.

Community Garden

This outreach is well used and provides pleasure to the community. Many of those who attend are flat dwellers without gardens. The individual raised planters are appreciated in particular by people in wheel chairs and those finding it hard to bend. This project started 10 years ago and is a recognised success as it has become a meeting place where friendships are formed and loneliness avoided. The gardeners share a common interest and the garden provides a pleasant spot, just to sit and relax.

Garden Café / Food Club

Our Garden Café is open every Thursday for the community to come in and enjoy free refreshments, cake and light lunches. It has developed into a safe, secure and warm environment where new friendships have been born, and former friendships renewed. It also offers an opportunity for the Church to interact, engage and support with the homeless. Our Food Club also opens every Thursday and operates in conjunction with the Garden Café. The Food Club offers a wide and varied range of provisions and produce enabling those on low incomes to acquire fresh and healthy food at a substantially discounted price. We supply fresh vegetables, which in part are grown in a donated allotment tended by one of our members. We encourage the use of fresh provisions thereby encouraging a healthy, nutritious and sustainable diet.

Financial Accounts

Our offerings increased over the previous year. The Church does not have an elected Treasurer but operates with a Finance Team headed up by one of the Church Leaders.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy to maintain reserves of at least three months overhead expenditure.

Church Trustees

To be eligible for election, Trustees must be Church members nominated by other members. Our Trustees are part of the Church Leadership Team. Each leader's period of service is for a three year term, which may be extended for a further term, if nominated, but they can serve no longer than two terms before stepping down for at least a year. The Church Secretary is elected annually at the AGM and can serve for as many terms as the member decides.

Trustees (Church Leadership Team) who served from 1st January to the date of this report were:

Ministers:
Revd James Brown

Secretary:
Marion Harper (annual appointment)

Treasurer:
Ian Barret (annual appointment – resigned 16th May 2023)

Head of Finance Team:
Tina Ansell-Baker (appointed 16th May 2023)

Leadership Team:
Susan Gibbons (resigned 16th May 2023)
David Matthews (resigned 16th May 2023)
Wendy Jeffs
Robert Baker
Tina Ansell-Baker
Geraldine Leig

Administrative Information

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Preston Baptist Church, Paignton
Charity Number 1133521
Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st December 2023
Period 1st January - 30th September 2023

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	
Offerings & Donations	49483	1200	
Gift Aid	0	0	
Grants & Gifts	0	37691	
Use of Church Premises	14945	0	
Rental Income	7875	0	
Sundry Income	1874	2567	
Interst	171	0	
	74348	41458	
Payments			
Stipend and Pension	25704		
Telephone	1647		
Travel	303		
Conferences & Training	610		
Music & Worship	1336		
Resources & Outreach	1269		
Visitng Speakers	300		
Advertising & Publicity	515		
Subscriptions	653		
Social Events & Catering	2069		
Mission	0	618	
Pastoral	0	445	
Youth & Children	113		
Church Expenditure	25442		
Manse Expenditure	3915		
Office Expenditure	1531		
Investment Property Expenditure	930		
Professional Fees	732		
Finance	371		
Sundry Expenditure	768	9825	
Memorial Loan Repaymwnt	2000		
	70208	10888	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	4140	30570	
Cash at 1st January 2023	79596	13120	92716
Cash 30th September 2023	83736	43690	127426

Cash Funds	
Cash at Bank	
CAF	121965
Lloyds	5461
Total	127426
Debtors	
Gift Aid	17200
Other Assets	
Church - Insurance Value	2400000
Manse - Market Value	380000
Investment Property - Market Value	165000
Church Fittings & Equipent	150000
	3095000
Creditors	
Memorial Loan from SWBA	6000
Mission	10902

Preston Baptist Church, Paignton.

Charity Number 1133521

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Accounts.

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of Preston Baptist Church, Paignton (the Church) for the year Ended 31st December 2011 (the Act). Period January – September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of the report.

As the Charity Trustees of the Church you are accountable 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 Church's Accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 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 Examiners Statement.

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Church 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 respect of this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

Dated: 30th October 2024.

Signed:

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Achievements

(from the church secretary's report at the 2023 AGM)

Well, another year has passed and here we are sitting at the AGM. I am sure many of us will say, where did that year go?

So what over the last year has PBC been doing.

Firstly PBC has been:

A place where we have come to Worship God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It been a place where we can learn and understand more and so grow our faith .

A place where we have discovered what our vision is. I am sure James has reminded us of this in his report. (Priesthood , Body and Community)

A place of welcome to the community. Do you remember the Harvest community day last year- our first one. More recently Easter community day. I am sure we were all surprized how many turned up for that event. 160 burgers and 300 sausages where not enough!

A place where prayer is foremost.

A place of generosity.

A place where we welcomed new people into membership.

A place where we have seen many new people coming to explore faith.

A place where we have celebrated with the country a jubilee and a coronation.

A place where we have come together to get to know each other better

A place where we have kept people warm and offered food.

A place where we see saw a need amongst those suffering with the cost of living crisis in our community so have offered food via our food club.

A place where we have seen our children's work grow on a Sunday and a Friday at messy church.

A place where groups have been formed, bereavement support group, Trinity discipleship.

A place where we have seen our grounds and community garden have developed onto a productive and beautiful areas.

A place where other communities feel happy to hire our halls for their event.

And this is only small part of our church life.

As I said at the start of this report where did the last year go. Well we have all been so busy in working within the church we have not noticed the year passing.

I know PBC means many different things to many people. Many have been part of PBC for years but many have come more recently. As a community it's great to acknowledge the joys but there are also sorrows. We remember Neil and Peggy who were called home.

We also remember those who are unable to attend as often as they would like too. This being due to ill health and dare I say ageing.

But holding us all together as a church has been James and Tricia.

James has and is showing us many new things and challenging us to think about change. He is encouraging PBC to be the heartbeat of the community where all are welcome. He has been leading us on a Sunday morning in different styles of worship. If you had missed this, he is passionate to reach the community of Preston with the love of God. He never misses an opportunity to talk to anyone, about Jesus even in Franx's! Thank you, James, for being such an encourager.

As they say, behind every good man is a supportive women. Louise has been there as James's encourager, wife and mother to his children. Louise not only works fulltime but she is involved with the music and children's church. Thank you Louise for all you do in the background as a minsters wife but also in the life of the church

As we all know Tricia is in the final weeks of her ministry here with us. When Tricia announced that she would be retiring this year I think the whole of Preston must have heard the "oh no".

Tricia was ordained and inducted into the ministry here on 8th April 2017. "Where has that time gone!" Over the last year Tricia has been at the forefront of pastoral care in the church. I also know she loves preaching which many have appreciated. I will not say any more about Tricia retiring as that still 6 weeks away and she is still very much part of the ministry team. I am sure that there will be many "thankyou's" over the next few weeks but as you will not be at the next church meeting we as the church meeting say thank you and thanks to God for sending you to us. He had a plan for this church and knew you were the person to fulfil part of His plan. As Tricia steps back Ian is stepping down. They both plan to take a period of time away for PBC reflecting on what is the next step in their lives.

I am sure you will agree with me – God has really been blessing us over the past year. Do you find it exciting – hopefully yes- some of us might find it scary as it is unknown. God is doing might works here at PBC. He has entrusted us with so much, that it's our responsibility to take care of all that he has given.

I want to end by reading from 1 Corinthians 15 v 58/59

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves to the work of the Lord because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain"

God is fulfilling his word through us being obedient.

God Bless.

Marion Harper

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Financial Accounts

Our offerings increased over the previous year and the claim for the arrears of gift aid was submitted and this resulted in a surplus on the general fund of £29,148.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have a policy to maintain reserves of at least three months overhead expenditure, At the end of the year the church had free reserves of £75,981 which would more than cover expected expenditure for three months.

Church Trustees

To be eligible for election, Trustees must be church members nominated by other members. Church leaders were called deacons, but, during the year were renamed as members of the church leadership team. Each leader's period of service is for a three year term, which may be extended for a further term, if nominated, but they may serve no longer than two terms before stepping down for at least a year. The Church Officers (Secretary and Treasurer) are elected annually at the AGM and can serve for as many terms as the members decide.

Trustees (Church Leadership team) who served from 1st January 2022 to the date of this report were:

Ministers

Revd Tricia Barrett (to 30th June 2023)

Revd James Brown

Secretary

Marion Harper (annual appointment)

Treasurer

Ian Barrett (annual appointment-resigned 30th June 2023)

Tina Ansell-Baker (annual appointment- from 1st July 2023)

Leadership Team

Susan Gibbons (until AGM 2023)

David Baker (until AGM 2022)

David Matthews (until AGM 2023)

Wendy Jeffs

Robert Baker (until AGM 2024)

Tina Ansell-Baker (from AGM 2022)

Geraldine Leigh (from AGM 2022)

Pauline Baker (from AGM 2024)

Administrative Information

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Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st December 2022

Charity no. 1133521

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>2022 Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2021 Total</i>
Receipts				
Offerings & donations	65355	12895	78250	59183
Gift aid	37939	958	38897	0
Legacy	0		0	0
Use of church premises	19064		19064	17176
Sundry income	1426	0	1426	425
Rental income	10500		10500	20530
	134284	13853	148137	97314
Payments				
Stipend and pension	42572		42572	29202
Telephone	1877		1877	1809
Travel	87		87	157
Conferences & training	990		990	0
Music & worship	1241		1241	1142
Resources & outreach	592		592	355
Visiting speakers	0		0	500
Advertising & publicity	471		471	144
Subscriptions	588		588	584
Social events & catering	848		848	144
Mission & community giving	7044	739	7783	3515
Pastoral gifts	0	1708	1708	1130
Youth & children	372	175	547	0
Flowers	0	0	0	253
Church expenditure	33502		33502	22278
Manse expenditure	5597		5597	8709
Office expenditure	2008		2008	2895
Investment property expenditure	1222		1222	1134
Professional fees	0		0	333
Finance	647		647	348
Sundry expenditure	1310		1310	571
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	2168	363	2531	2921
Memorial loan repayment	2000		2000	2000
	105136	2985	108121	80124
Excess of Expenditure over Income	29148	10868	40016	17190
Cash at 1st January 2022	46833	5868	52701	35511
Cash at 31st December 2022	75981	16736	92717	52701

Preston Baptist Church, Paignton
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2022

Charity no. 1133521

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>2022 Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2021 Total</i>
<i>Cash Funds</i>				
Cash at bank	75981	16736	92717	52671
Cash in hand	0	0	0	30
<i>Total</i>	<i>75981</i>	<i>16736</i>	<i>92717</i>	<i>52701</i>
<i>Debtors</i>				
Gift Aid	4000		4000	34519
<i>Other assets</i>				
Church - insurance value	2400000		2400000	2400000
Manse - market value	380000		380000	380000
Investment property-market value	165000		165000	165000
Church fittings & equipment	150000		150000	150000
	<i>3095000</i>		<i>3095000</i>	<i>3095000</i>
<i>Creditors</i>				
Memorial loan from SWBA	8000		8000	10000
BU Pension deficit	0		0	75000
	<i>8000</i>		<i>8000</i>	<i>85000</i>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Preston Baptist Church, Paignton
Charity no. 1133521**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Preston Baptist Church, Paignton (the Church) for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the church 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 church'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

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David Rudall FMAAT
Greenwood Accountancy Ltd
5 & 7 Pellew Arcade
Teignmouth TQ14 8EB

Dated: ...27...August 2024

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Preston Baptist Church, Paignton Trustees Annual Report Year ended 31"December 2021

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Achievements

(from a Minister's report at the AGM)

It's been fascinating to look back over events since our last AGM, last June, to see how much life has changed.

In terms of ministry there have been two main factors for me to reflect on.

The first is the effect on church life of coming out of covid restrictions.

It's been a long, slow journey and it's not been easy for our church family to regain confidence to return to live worship. There are still some who haven't felt able to. Some have reassessed where they want to worship but now, most who are able, have returned and feel comfortable in worshipping at church, even though covid is still very much with us. And I think all of us have realised that the opportunity to gather together to worship and fellowship is a freedom that we treasure; one that is vital to our mental and emotional health and to the continuing growth of our relationship with God.

During the autumn we were at last able to hold a memorial service for all those who had been bereaved during lockdown. It was a memorable evening together, bringing solace to those whose grief in bereavement was made far worse to bear because of the covid restrictions on funerals.

It has been a real joy to be able to visit people within their homes again, as well as here at church. James has recently started holding a Monday afternoon open door session here at church and perhaps this is a good moment to remind you all that I still keep Thursday mornings as a time when anyone can feel free to come and chat and pray with me here.

Another joy was that whilst we haven't had any baptisms in the last year, we have had a service of dedication for Thea Rose Cunday.

The other big change that has affected ministry - the life and routines of our church and is the arrival of James and his family!

Since last September they have already had a huge impact, even from their first week when other new families arrived, seemingly out of the blue!

It has been a real joy, I think, to everyone, to see young life within the church and I don't think it's been a shock to our system; young and old are integrating beautifully together.

I'm going to leave James to reflect on church life since his arrival in September and to cast a vision for the coming year.

The only things I think that I want to comment on are that our services are inevitably changing as James' personality mingles with ours but the results are positive. There is a strong sense of being in a fresh new season; there's a growing excitement that God is at work amongst us; there's real evidence of people being willing to roll up their sleeves and get involved; and perhaps the biggest encouragement to me is the building of team.

Last year Wendy Jeffs and Bob Baker were voted onto the leadership team and they have both been a tremendous asset on the team. We had an excellent Leaders' weekend recently when we were able to assess where we are now and what we feel God might be saying to us.

David Baker is standing down and we really want to thank him for all his spiritual input and practical wisdom. So we need to replace him as well as hopefully filling the 2nd place that has remained empty. So tonight we're going to be voting on two other strong candidates.

For me, the sense of being part of a team that can discuss frankly, stand united and always know that we have each other's backs is such a comfort after the isolation of being a minister during covid. The future is looking very positive and the church will stand on a strong foundation.

As we look to the future, I'm concerned about the effect that rising living costs is going to have on our church finances. There are going to be difficult times ahead for some of us.

With that in mind I have made the decision to reduce my hours to two days a week from September. That won't include Sundays, and I'll do this for a further year as I intend to retire no later than September '23.

As I've made this decision and feel really peaceful about it, there seems no reason not to tell you all about it.

Tricia Barrett

Messy Church

This popular event reaches out to families with young children on a Friday after school once a month. Crafts, games and activities are themed on a particular story from the bible and parents are invited to take part. Following a brief act of worship, a hot meal is provided and we all eat as a family. This event is free and serviced by volunteers from the church, it is attended by 30-40 people and greatly appreciated as it allows time, space and facilities for families to enjoy doing creative things together in a Christian environment free from domestic pressures.

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Financial Accounts

Our offerings were higher than the previous year because the church was able to start meeting together after lockdown. Direct giving to the church bank account also continued to increase which helped to support the church through another difficult year. The church also benefited from being able to let out the manse for part of the year and only have one stipend to pay until September. There was an excess of expenditure over income of £17,680.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have a policy to maintain reserves of at least three months overhead expenditure, At the end of the year the church had free reserves of £46,833 which would more than cover expected expenditure for three months.

Church Trustees

To be eligible for election, Trustees must be church members nominated by other members. Church leaders were called deacons, but, during the year were renamed as members of the church leadership team. Each leader's period of service is for a three year term, which may be extended for a further term, if nominated, but they may serve no longer than two terms before stepping down for at least a year. The Church Officers (Secretary and Treasurer) are elected annually at the AGM and can serve for as many terms as the members decide.

Trustees (Church Leadership team) who served from 1st January 2021 to the date of this report were:

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Revd Tricia Barrett

Revd James Brown (from 11th September 2021)

Secretary

Marion Harper (annual appointment)

Treasurer

Ian Barrett (annual appointment)

Leadership Team

Susan Gibbons

Richard Barton (until AGM 2021)

Andrew Collis (until AGM 2021)

David Baker (until AGM 2022)

David Matthews

Wendy Jeffs (from AGM 2021)

Robert Baker (from AGM 2021)

Tina Ansell-Baker (from AGM 2022)

Geraldine Leigh (from AGM 2022)

Administrative Information

Preston Baptist Church is situated in Old Torquay Road, Preston, Paignton, TQ3 2RB

Charity Registration number: 1133521

The Church's current Constitution as an unincorporated charity is dated July 2016.

30th April 2022

Preston Baptist Church, Paignton
Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st December 2021

Charity no. 1133521

	2021		2020	
	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
Receipts				
Offerings & donations	55,028	4,155	59,183	54,569
Gift aid	-	-	-	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-
Use of church premises	17,176	-	17,176	18,174
Sundry income	425	-	425	565
Rental income	20,530	-	20,530	17,531
	93,159	4,155	97,314	90,839
Payments				
Stipend and pension	29,202	-	29,202	19,541
Telephone	1,809	-	1,809	2,132
Travel	157	-	157	151
Conferences	-	-	-	200
Music & worship	1,142	-	1,142	1,746
Teaching resources	126	-	126	354
Visiting speakers	500	-	500	550
Advertising & publicity	144	-	144	203
Subscriptions	584	-	584	569
Social events & catering	144	-	144	195
Mission & community giving	2,000	1,515	3,515	3,598
Pastoral gifts	-	1,130	1,130	793
Evangelistic projects	229	-	229	103
Ladies fellowship	-	-	-	-
Youth & children	-	-	-	-
Flowers	253	-	253	-
Church expenditure	20,278	2,000	22,278	43,698
Manse expenditure	8,709	-	8,709	5,437
Office expenditure	2,895	-	2,895	2,174
Investment property expenditure	1,134	-	1,134	3,736
Professional fees	333	-	333	288
Finance	348	-	348	60
Sundry expenditure	571	-	571	148
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	2,921	-	2,921	1,434
Memorial loan repayment	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
	75,479	4,645	80,124	89,110
Excess of Income over Expenditure	17,680	(490)	17,190	1,729
Cash at 1st January 2021	29,153	6,358	35,511	33,116
Cash at 31st December 2021	46,833	5,868	52,701	34,845

Preston Baptist Church, Paignton
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2021

Charity no. 1133521

	Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	Total	Total 2020
<i>Cash Funds</i>				
Cash at bank	46,803	5,868	52,671	34,815
Cash in hand	30	-	30	30
Total	46,833	5,868	52,701	34,845
<i>Debtors</i>				
Gift Aid	34,519	-	34,519	10,000
<i>Other assets</i>				
Church - insurance value	2,400,000	-	2,400,000	2,400,000
Manse - market value	380,000	-	380,000	380,000
Investment property-market value	165,000	-	165,000	165,000
Church fittings & equipment	150,000	-	150,000	150,000
	3,095,000	-	3,095,000	3,095,000
<i>Creditors</i>				
Memorial loan from SWBA	10,000	-	10,000	12,000
BU Pension deficit	75,000	-	75,000	91,600
	85,000	-	85,000	103,600

Approved by the trustees

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Preston Baptist Church, Paignton
Charity no. 1133521**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Preston Baptist Church, Paignton (the Church) for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

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

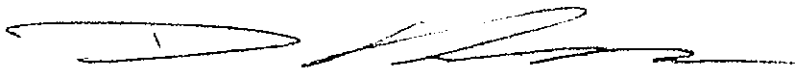
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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Dated: 27 October 2022

PRESTON BAPTIST CHURCH, PAIGNTON

England & Wales - Charity number 1133521

Accounts

Preston Baptist Church, Paignton Trustees Annual Report Year ended 31st December 2020

Alms and Purposes

The principle aim of Preston Baptist Church is the advancement of the Christian faith in general and within our local area in particular. We are an open and accessible community that is committed to welcoming and assisting all who wish to worship and learn more about God. We offer spiritual help and support and find opportunities for service within the church fellowship and local community. We support missionary and charitable works in the U.K. and various parts of the world.

Activities

The church is open throughout the week to the community, and hosts a variety of activities for all ages —including. For example, Sunday worship, Monday lunches, Bible study groups, ladies fellowship, a Mums & Toddlers group, along with quarterly Church meetings, monthly Leaders' meetings and Messy Church. Holy Communion is observed once a month and weddings, baptisms, dedications and funerals are conducted on request. Our local M.P. holds regular surgeries on site and our rooms are used regularly by a variety of local community groups. Christian festivals are celebrated and attended by many who do not normally worship regularly. Our halls are used every weekday by Preston Community Pre-school which operate as a separate charity and pays a commercial rent to the church for the hire of the halls. We continue to enjoy close ties with the Pre-school. All of this changed in 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic as described below in the minister's report to the 2021 AGM.

Achievements

Many times people have said to me over the last 18th months or so, 'This wasn't quite what you signed up for, was it?'

When I came to Preston as the Associate Minister to work with Jez Brown there was an idyllic 18 months when life was full of fun but neither of us knew then that he was about to be called to another post as Lead Chaplain for DPT.

Jez's departure created one level of challenge but none of us could have foreseen, just as Jez was leaving, the emergence of a virus from China that would grow to be a global pandemic; the effects of which we are still living through.

It's hard to believe that the last time we were able to meet for a Church Members Meeting was back in March 2020 and our last AGM was the year before that in April 2019.

What I think is amazing is that, not only are we still standing, but we are now waiting to welcome James Brown to join us in Ministry here at Preston in just 10 weeks' time.

Clearly what has impacted our life as a church family more than anything else over the last two + years has been living through lockdown and trying to adapt to what quickly became known as the 'new normal'.

Whilst lockdown has severely curtailed our activities, I am amazed at how much we have achieved together.

Zoom, whilst being exhausting, has enabled us to have regular Leaders' Meetings and Prayer Meetings. Over last summer we were able to have a weekly service at 6.00 on Sundays and without Zoom we wouldn't have been able to meet any of the Ministers who sent us their profiles and we wouldn't have been able to 'meet' with James at all. So it has had its place.

Daphne and Val have continued to make the church look beautiful on Livestream and it has been a real joy to welcome Sue Brown back to enable us to have live worship once more.

And mentioning Sue reminds me of David Williams' faithful service with us and how, when Sue and Jez left in November 2019, David stepped in to provide music for our services right through Christmas that year and on through to March, until we weren't able to meet any longer.

We had to adapt our Christmas programme last year but what a stunning presentation Debra and her team put on with the Nativity Tableau and Christine Newman with the Easter Garden Tableau. Suddenly we discovered that things could be done in a new way and, whilst we all love our traditions, it was wonderful to discover what talent and creativity lies within our family.

During lockdown it has felt vital to me to keep the church connected and we have been able to do that through the weekly Family Newsletter. When restrictions are lifted I will hand that back to David Reddaway, who will once again produce his Preston weekly newsletter.

I was also concerned in those early days back in April and May last year that we didn't just mark time but that we kept learning as disciples and so we produced study notes for people to follow at home. Most of this material has been sent out by email, once I had winkled out everyone's email address, but I quickly discovered that a fair number of people don't have access to a computer at all and so we have made great use of snail mail, sending out 30 letters each week since Easter 2020. Thank you to Peggy and Wendy Finch who have helped each week with the mailing.

Over the months many of our folk have found lockdown distressing and isolating. The Pastoral Care team have been invaluable, keeping in touch with people over the phone while visits were not allowed. And I know that many of you have undertaken a similar role, showing kindness and love to one another with a loving call.

We also formed the Community Care team, led by Bob and Debbie Baker. We haven't really explored the full potential of this team yet but it is in place to swing into action when needed.

As restrictions have lifted a little, Richard has taken the opportunity to start a midweek meeting at church. In some ways this has the potential to become a midweek housegroup if we can continue it into the future. It's been really well attended, with a DVD followed by packed lunch in the garden and discussion of the DVD.

Another area that might go unnoticed is that Julie Matthews has provided Praise Buckets in the foyer for any children who might attend our services in the times when we've been allowed to meet. I think that James' boys were delighted to play with these the other Sunday when James was preaching.

Through 2019-20 Debra was our Church Secretary and she worked incredibly hard to produce important policies that we needed to have in place. Marion Harper took over from her last summer and has had to create her role in the most unusual of seasons, when nothing has been normal. However, her hands are really full now as she has been communicating with James and dealing with the process of settling him in here.

Another person I must mention is Allison Baker, who has become our bookings secretary. Did anyone think that we would ever need that but she's doing a brilliant job taking bookings each week for our services and she has also become our membership registrar, taking over from Barbara Heath. Barbara, I want to thank you for all your years of faithful service. And thinking of Barbara reminds me of Colin, who stepped down from the Leadership team last summer when we held postal votes for new leaders. We want to thank you also Colin for going beyond the call of duty and staying in place until we were able to take a vote.

A role that we still need to fill is the role of minutes secretary for Church Meetings as it is incredibly hard to take the minutes at the same time as being part of the meeting. If someone felt they could take this on, I know that Marion would find this an invaluable help.

What I haven't mentioned yet is Livestream.

We all know what a massive venture this has been and I want to publicly thank Alistair Harper tonight for his enthusiasm and willingness to learn this new skill, particularly as he has carried it largely on his own.

Since September last year, Livestream has gone from literally livestreaming through last autumn when we had a hybrid season with 30 people in church, then to prerecorded services in January during Lockdown 2, with no one in church and we're back now to another hybrid style with 40 people in church.

The prerecorded services, whilst easier in one sense to put together, sometimes took Alistair 9 hours to upload onto YouTube. It's no wonder that he now needs a break.

We had hoped that government restrictions would be lifted from yesterday, June 21st, and that from next Sunday we would be able to encourage everyone out of their pyjamas and off their sofas back into church. However, we know that that's not going to be for another 4 weeks and so, for some, our current hybrid version of church does offer some sort of connection with a live service here.

David Reddaway has offered to fill the gap with a team of people. How long we continue to make use of Livestream for our Sunday services is not certain. Whilst it has been a useful tool that has helped us enormously through a difficult time, many churches are finding that it doesn't serve the needs of their church for the long-term future.

At the music team's jam night last week, the members expressed very clearly their feeling that Livestream had served a purpose but had strong reservations about a need for it into the future. Some of the reservations expressed were that watching a service, even one taking place in our own church, was no longer a satisfying or fulfilling experience and didn't compare to the joy of being part of a live service.

Our desire is to provide a service for those who are housebound or unable to get to church for some reason, but, actually, the viewing figures tell us that there aren't a huge number watching the service and we know that quite a lot of those who aren't able to leave their home, the ones we're trying to reach, don't actually have the technology to watch the service.

So, we have to ask ourselves what we are trying to achieve and the important thing is that we do what is right for our church. Covid- 19 and lockdown have done one very important thing for churches. It has caused us to stop what we were doing and before we start everything back up as before we've got an unprecedented opportunity to ask why we do what we do.

As we look to the future, we must take the opportunity and the time to listen first to God and ask what he is saying to us about the future of our church and then listen to each other to ask what we want our church to look like as we come back together.

My concern is that Livestream should never again be the responsibility of just one person. That is not a healthy situation, especially as we have seen the impact it has had on Alistair. I have therefore asked David to create a team of people who will work together and in future we will ensure that Livestream of our services will only continue on that basis.

However, there are other possible uses of Livestream that it might make sense to consider, other than for our Sunday services and we intend to review all the possibilities in September, once James is here and can be part of the discussion. To that end it might be a good idea to create an interest group who would like to look into possible uses of Livestream that would help us to take our church into our community around us here.

I know that for James, taking the time to listen first to God, then to one another and also to the voices in the community is his first priority.

Building a strong team together with the leadership team is also going to be a priority and working for a harmonious unity within the church where we learn to respect one another's different views.

I'm really looking forward to sharing in ministry with James. Of course I'm looking forward to having someone to share the load with but I'm also excited to discover God's will and His direction for us. Both James and I sense that God is on the move, things are beginning to happen and it's just wonderful to see God's hand at work and to be part of His work.

That's God's calling for all of us. No one should be sitting on the sidelines as a viewer only. James and I have been having a weekly prayer call together since March, asking that the ground might be prepared for all that God wants to do amongst us. And you can be praying that too, seeking God's will for your part in the work here at Preston.

I do want to take this opportunity to say that even though we've been through tough times over the last 18 months, I have really enjoyed ministering here and especially being able to grow in my own preaching style, but, however slowly, we're coming out of that now and we all need to be ready to roll our sleeves up and join the action. A fresh, new season lies ahead.

Tricia Barrett

Messy Church

This popular event reaches out to families with young children on a Friday after school once a month. Crafts, games and activities are themed on a particular story from the bible and parents are invited to take part. Following a brief act of worship, a hot meal is provided and we all eat as a family. This event is free and serviced by volunteers from the church, It is attended by 30-40 people and greatly appreciated as it allows time, space and facilities for families to enjoy doing creative things together in a Christian environment free from domestic pressures.

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Financial Accounts

Our offerings were lower than the previous year because of the church not meeting together throughout lockdown. Direct giving to the church bank account did increase which helped to support the church through a difficult year. There was an excess of expenditure over income of £666. The gift of £15,000 received in the previous year was spent on essential roof repairs during 2020. During the year the church purchased a camera and laptop for livestreaming, both of which were paid for from a generous donation from a member of the church.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have a policy to maintain reserves of at least three months overhead expenditure, At the end of the year the church had free reserves of £28,487 which would more than cover expected expenditure for three months.

Church Trustees

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Treasurer

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Leadership Team

Susan Gibbons

Colin Heath (until AGM 2020)

Richard Barton (until AGM 2021)

Andrew Collis (until AGM 2021)

David Baker

Marion Harper

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On behalf of the Trustees

Preston Baptist Church, Paignton
Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st December 2020

Charity no. 1133521

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>2020 Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>2019 Total</i>
Receipts				
Offerings & donations	48349	6220	54569	79991
Gift aid	0		0	0
Legacy	0		0	0
Use of church premises	18174		18174	24060
Sundry Income	565	0	565	337
Rental income	17531		17531	9083
	84619	6220	90839	113471
Payments				
Stipend and pension	19541		19541	45392
Telephone	2132		2132	1742
Travel	151		151	953
Conferences	200		200	176
Music & worship	1746		1746	1091
Teaching resources	354		354	278
Visiting speakers	550		550	690
Advertising & publicity	203		203	310
Subscriptions	569		569	557
Social events	0		0	777
Mission & community giving	2000	1598	3598	666
Pastoral gifts	0	793	793	2048
Evangelistic projects	103		103	49
Ladies fellowship	0		0	0
Youth & children	0		0	189
Flowers	0	0	0	112
Catering	195		195	607
Church expenditure	43698		43698	29529
Manse expenditure	5437		5437	6075
Office expenditure	2174		2174	1954
Investment property expenditure	3736		3736	60
Professional fees	288		288	500
Finance	60		60	60
Sundry expenditure	148		148	1822
Fixtures, fittings & equipment		1434	1434	1659
Memorial loan repayment	2000		2000	2000
	85285	3825	89110	99296
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-666	2395	1729	14175
Cash at 1st January 2020	29153	3963	33116	18941
Cash at 31st December 2020	28487	6358	34845	33116

Preston Baptist Church, Paignton
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31st December 2020

Charity no. 1133521

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<i>Cash Funds</i>				
Cash at bank	28457	6358	34815	33086
Cash in hand	30		30	30
<i>Total</i>	<i>28487</i>	<i>6358</i>	<i>34845</i>	<i>33116</i>
<i>Debtors</i>				
Gift Aid	10000		10000	10000
<i>Other assets</i>				
Church - insurance value	2400000		2400000	2400000
Manse - market value	380000		380000	380000
Investment property-market value	165000		165000	165000
Church fittings & equipment	150000		150000	150000
	<i>3095000</i>		<i>3095000</i>	<i>3095000</i>
<i>Creditors</i>				
Memorial loan from SWBA	12000		12000	14000
BU Pension deficit	91600		91600	150000
	<i>103600</i>		<i>103600</i>	<i>164000</i>

Approved by the trustees 22nd June 2021

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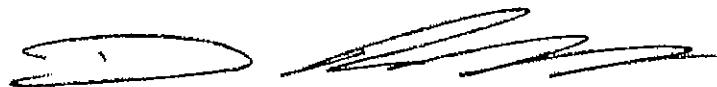
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