



Trustees' Annual Report 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

Charity Number: 1133718

Trustees

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year	Appointed by
Rev Nick Price	Minister		Church Meeting
Tony Burns	Safeguarding Trustee		Church Meeting
Robin Scoulding	Secretary		Church Meeting
Jenny Evans	Treasurer		Church Meeting
Robert Wise			Church Meeting
Graham Sinden			Church Meeting

Name and addresses of advisers

Bankers	Barclays Bank	Barclays, Leicester, LE87 2BB
Solicitors	Anthony Collins	143 Edmund Street, Birmingham, B3 2ES
Accountants & Auditors	D.R.E & Co	Kingsland House, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6BL

Description of the charity's trusts

Trust constitution is based upon the Baptist Union Corporation Constitution for Baptist Churches.

The Constitution was adopted on 12 November 2009.

Charity Trustees are elected at a Church Meeting from among the membership of the Church.

Governance

Direction and leadership of the church is provided by a Leadership Team comprising the Minister, the Associate Minister (if any) and the other Trustees.

The Charity Trustees are accountable to the Church Meeting which comprises all members of the church. Church meetings are held four times each year.

The number of Charity Trustees is determined by the Church Meeting which, on 12 November 2009, decided that there should be no fewer than two Trustees and, on 6 November 2011, decided that there should be no more than seven Trustees (in addition to the Ministers).

The staff of the Church includes the Minister and other paid staff including an Operations Manager and a cleaner.

The Church is a member of the Baptist Union and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

Objectives and activities

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.

The Trustees have read and are mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on the public benefit including the specific guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

In order to achieve our principal objects, we provide a range of activities for our local community and our members. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as their living Lord.

Our activities providing a public benefit specifically include:

- Family-friendly church services, to which all are welcome, with a children's programme and crèche.
- A toddlers' group at the church premises in the town centre
- Foodshare Table in conjunction with the FoodHub
- Small groups for the growth of faith and discipleship.
- A range of regular activities and special events for young people, adults, families and older people including holiday clubs, community meals and social events.
- Working with local schools, colleges and other voluntary groups.
- Supporting, and making our buildings available for use by community groups

Grant Making

The church provides financial support to a number of national and international organisations and activities with aims and objectives compatible with its own charitable purpose including, but not limited to, the Baptist Union Home Mission Fund. The church supports members working in vulnerable communities in the UK and overseas.

Volunteers

All members of the church are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the life of the church and the furtherance of its charitable objects. Many of our activities are delivered by volunteers, including the leadership of the various ministries and helping with practical tasks. It is by working together that we can grow as a community, and engage with the needs of our wider community. Volunteer leaders are accountable to the Trustees and to the Church Meeting.

Achievements and performance

We believe God has called us to be One church with two buildings, both primarily for the benefit of the two different communities with whom we are privileged to work. Throughout the year we have sought to bring Jesus into the heart of the community, both in the town centre and in the Monkmoor area.

Engaging with the community

Our mission is to engage with the community and share the good news of Jesus.

We have continued to develop excellent relationships with organisations working in both areas, including the local Council, schools and community groups. Examples include:

- We continue to work with Palmers Coffee Shop, a not for profit coffee house in our town centre building
- Music Therapy – support for children and adults with special needs - at Crowmoor
- Activities linked to Shrewsbury Food Hub
- Links with Shrewsbury Street Pastors
- Links with Shrewsbury Youth for Christ
- Links with local schools in the Monkmoor and Belvidere areas
- A team: “Open the Book” provides support for assemblies in local schools
- FAF (Food and Fellowship) group for men

Discipleship and prayer

Our current activities include:

- Regular church services
- Regular Home Groups in various locations
- Various prayer groups.

Governance and Finance

A detailed budget was agreed by church members in April 2023.

Policies

All of the Church policies are subject to regular review by the Trustees.

External mission

- Matthew & Esther Howes continues as supported church missionaries. They are living and working in a Muslim community in the West Midlands under the auspices of WEC.
- Jon and Elise Fletcher continue as supported church missionaries. They and their family have been in Thailand since September 2014 living and working in a slum district of Bangkok under the auspices of Church Mission Society.
- Judy Cook continues as a supported missionary in her work at Hope Home, Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- We have continued to support the Baptist Missionary Society and other missionary organisations.

Conclusion

We have continued to see our church family grow and have welcomed new members this year. Our community events at our Crowmoor building were particularly successful. We still operate on

the basis that we are One church with two buildings, primarily for the benefit of the two different communities we serve.

In the year ahead we will continue to explore new ways of bringing Jesus into the heart of the community, both at our Central and Crowmoor buildings. The challenges are enormous – the opportunities equally so.

Financial Review

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the church to function effectively in the coming year. They are committed to achieving a reserves policy which complies with Charity Commission guidelines.

The church's principal source of funding is the regular, personal giving of its members.

The church also receives income from hiring out the buildings for use by community groups not otherwise connected with the church.

The financial results for 2023-2024, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted, are set out in the financial statements.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J Evans

R Scoulding

Full name(s)

Jenny Evans

Rob Scoulding

Position

Treasurer

Secretary

Date

18 January 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1133718

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

D.R.E. & Co. (Audit) Limited
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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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TRUSTEES	G Day (resigned 23.3.24) R Scoulding Mrs D E Cowburn (resigned 18.4.23) Mrs J James (resigned 16.7.24) Mrs J Evans Rev G Sinden Rev N A Price A J Burns Trustee (appointed 18.4.23) R Wise Trustee (appointed 18.4.23)
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	Crowmere Road Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 5JJ
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1133718
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	D.R.E. & Co. (Audit) Limited Kingsland House 39 Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6BL

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

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

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shrewsbury Baptist Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shrewsbury Baptist Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

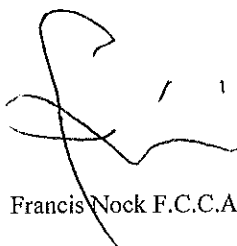
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Francis Nock F.C.C.A

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5 December 2024

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

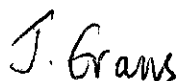
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	79,014	550	79,564	67,496
Other trading activities	3	55,718	-	55,718	34,149
Investment income	4	198	-	198	60
Total		134,930	550	135,480	101,705
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Ministry		71,708	-	71,708	63,615
Mission		12,420	-	12,420	13,357
Establishment		49,378	1,100	50,478	47,944
Other		1,536	-	1,536	1,199
Total		135,042	1,100	136,142	126,115
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(112)	(550)	(662)	(24,410)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		32,095	4,263	36,358	60,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		31,983	3,713	35,696	36,358

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**BALANCE SHEET**
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	17,487	-	17,487	7,203
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		14,496	3,713	18,209	29,155
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>14,496</u>	<u>3,713</u>	<u>18,209</u>	<u>29,155</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>31,983</u>	<u>3,713</u>	<u>35,696</u>	<u>36,358</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>31,983</u></u>	<u><u>3,713</u></u>	<u><u>35,696</u></u>	<u><u>36,358</u></u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				31,983	32,095
Restricted funds				<u>3,713</u>	<u>4,263</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>35,696</u></u>	<u><u>36,358</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Evans - Trustee

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

Tax refunds

Gift aid refunds are included when received.

Legacies

Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified.

Investment income

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

Fund raising and publicity costs

The church does not make formal appeals for funds, and expenditure on these items is therefore not material.

Grants payable

The church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects compliments its work. They are accounted for in the year in which they are paid.

Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

Fixed assets

Furniture and equipment in the church premises is included at cost or net realisable value.

Depreciation

Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful life, at the following rates:

Furniture and fittings	- 10% straight line
Computers and equipment	- 33% straight line

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

The Minister and some members of the church staff are eligible to join the Scheme, which is not contracted out of the State Second Pension.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations	6,608	20,249
Offerings	49,108	47,247
Gift aid	23,848	-
	<u>79,564</u>	<u>67,496</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other trading income	<u>55,718</u>	<u>34,149</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	<u>198</u>	<u>60</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The following trustees were paid remuneration for providing services to the charity under employment contracts:

Mrs J Evans: £22,284 (2023: £21,677)
Mrs J James: £15,018 (2023: £20,490)
Rev N A Price: £34,218 (2023: £29,314)

No trustees were remunerated for performing their duties as a trustee for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

During the year, the following general expenses were reimbursed to trustees:

Mrs D E Cowburn: £Nil (2023: £40), Mrs J James: £650 (2023: £372), Mrs J Evans: £624 (2023: £1,761), Rev N A Price: £325 (2023: £4,047) and Rev G Sinden: £Nil (2023: £157).

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Employees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	66,470	1,026	67,496
Other trading activities	34,149	-	34,149
Investment income	60	-	60
Total	<u>100,679</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>101,705</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Ministry	63,062	553	63,615
Mission	13,357	-	13,357
Establishment	47,750	194	47,944
Other	1,199	-	1,199
Total	<u>125,368</u>	<u>747</u>	<u>126,115</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(24,689)	279	(24,410)
Transfers between funds	9,604	(9,604)	-
Net movement in funds	<u>(15,085)</u>	<u>(9,325)</u>	<u>(24,410)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	47,180	13,588	60,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>32,095</u>	<u>4,263</u>	<u>36,358</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	8,505	1,940	10,445
Additions	11,820	-	11,820
At 31 March 2024	<u>20,325</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>22,265</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	2,105	1,137	3,242
Charge for year	1,014	522	1,536
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,119</u>	<u>1,659</u>	<u>4,778</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>17,206</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>17,487</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>6,400</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>7,203</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,095	(112)	31,983
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	401	(550)	(149)
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	3,862
	4,263	(550)	3,713
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,358</u>	<u>(662)</u>	<u>35,696</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,930	(135,042)	(112)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	550	(1,100)	(550)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>135,480</u>	<u>(136,142)</u>	<u>(662)</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	47,180	(24,689)	9,604	32,095
Restricted funds				
Mission Giving	218	-	(218)	-
Home Mission				
	25	-	(25)	-
Romanian Orphanage	24	-	(24)	-
Senior Moments Event	915	-	(915)	-
First Tuesday				
	122	279	-	401
Gift Day	2,322	-	(2,322)	-
Mike Breeze Legacy	6,100	-	(6,100)	-
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	-	3,862
	<u>13,588</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>(9,604)</u>	<u>4,263</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,768</u>	<u>(24,410)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,358</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	100,679	(125,368)	(24,689)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday			
	1,026	(747)	279
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>101,705</u>	<u>(126,115)</u>	<u>(24,410)</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	47,180	(24,801)	9,604	31,983
Restricted funds				
Mission Giving	218	-	(218)	-
Home Mission				
	25	-	(25)	-
Romanian Orphanage	24	-	(24)	-
Senior Moments Event	915	-	(915)	-
First Tuesday				
	122	(271)	-	(149)
Gift Day	2,322	-	(2,322)	-
Mike Breeze Legacy	6,100	-	(6,100)	-
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	-	3,862
	<u>13,588</u>	<u>(271)</u>	<u>(9,604)</u>	<u>3,713</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,768</u>	<u>(25,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,696</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	235,609	(260,410)	(24,801)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday			
	1,576	(1,847)	(271)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,185</u>	<u>(262,257)</u>	<u>(25,072)</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The custodian Trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

See note 5 for details of trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	6,608	20,249
Offerings	49,108	47,247
Gift aid	23,848	-
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	79,564	67,496
 Other trading activities		
Other trading income	55,718	34,149
 Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	198	60
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Total incoming resources	135,480	101,705
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	71,807	66,795
Pensions	8,808	5,364
Rates and water	3,984	1,458
Insurance	6,475	5,538
Light and heat	19,044	17,158
Repairs and maintenance	5,491	3,572
Sundries	15,168	20,574
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	130,777	120,459
 Other		
Fixtures and fittings	1,014	677
Computer equipment	522	522
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	1,536	1,199
 Support costs		
 Finance		
Bank charges	320	320
 Other		
Telephone	481	1,125
Postage and stationery	472	372
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	953	1,497
 Governance costs		
Accountancy	2,556	2,640

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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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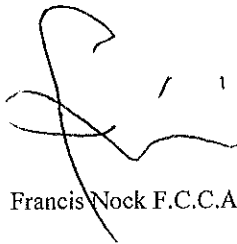
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3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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5 December 2024

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

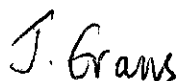
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	79,014	550	79,564	67,496
Other trading activities	3	55,718	-	55,718	34,149
Investment income	4	198	-	198	60
Total		134,930	550	135,480	101,705
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Ministry		71,708	-	71,708	63,615
Mission		12,420	-	12,420	13,357
Establishment		49,378	1,100	50,478	47,944
Other		1,536	-	1,536	1,199
Total		135,042	1,100	136,142	126,115
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(112)	(550)	(662)	(24,410)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		32,095	4,263	36,358	60,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		31,983	3,713	35,696	36,358

The notes form part of these financial statements

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**BALANCE SHEET**
31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	17,487	-	17,487	7,203
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		14,496	3,713	18,209	29,155
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>14,496</u>	<u>3,713</u>	<u>18,209</u>	<u>29,155</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>31,983</u>	<u>3,713</u>	<u>35,696</u>	<u>36,358</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>31,983</u></u>	<u><u>3,713</u></u>	<u><u>35,696</u></u>	<u><u>36,358</u></u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				31,983	32,095
Restricted funds				<u>3,713</u>	<u>4,263</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>35,696</u></u>	<u><u>36,358</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Evans - Trustee

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Donations

Donations are accounted for gross when received.

Tax refunds

Gift aid refunds are included when received.

Legacies

Legacies are accounted for when their receipt is certain and can be properly quantified.

Investment income

Investment income is included in the accounts in the year in which it is receivable.

Fund raising and publicity costs

The church does not make formal appeals for funds, and expenditure on these items is therefore not material.

Grants payable

The church makes grants to other organisations whose charitable objects compliments its work. They are accounted for in the year in which they are paid.

Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church. Most of the management is carried out without charge by volunteers. This intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers for their service.

Fixed assets

Furniture and equipment in the church premises is included at cost or net realisable value.

Depreciation

Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful life, at the following rates:

Furniture and fittings	- 10% straight line
Computers and equipment	- 33% straight line

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

The Minister and some members of the church staff are eligible to join the Scheme, which is not contracted out of the State Second Pension.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations	6,608	20,249
Offerings	49,108	47,247
Gift aid	23,848	-
	<u>79,564</u>	<u>67,496</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Other trading income	<u>55,718</u>	<u>34,149</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	<u>198</u>	<u>60</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The following trustees were paid remuneration for providing services to the charity under employment contracts:

Mrs J Evans: £22,284 (2023: £21,677)
Mrs J James: £15,018 (2023: £20,490)
Rev N A Price: £34,218 (2023: £29,314)

No trustees were remunerated for performing their duties as a trustee for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

During the year, the following general expenses were reimbursed to trustees:

Mrs D E Cowburn: £Nil (2023: £40), Mrs J James: £650 (2023: £372), Mrs J Evans: £624 (2023: £1,761), Rev N A Price: £325 (2023: £4,047) and Rev G Sinden: £Nil (2023: £157).

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Employees	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	66,470	1,026	67,496
Other trading activities	34,149	-	34,149
Investment income	60	-	60
Total	<u>100,679</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>101,705</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Ministry	63,062	553	63,615
Mission	13,357	-	13,357
Establishment	47,750	194	47,944
Other	1,199	-	1,199
Total	<u>125,368</u>	<u>747</u>	<u>126,115</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(24,689)	279	(24,410)
Transfers between funds	9,604	(9,604)	-
Net movement in funds	<u>(15,085)</u>	<u>(9,325)</u>	<u>(24,410)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	47,180	13,588	60,768
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>32,095</u>	<u>4,263</u>	<u>36,358</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	8,505	1,940	10,445
Additions	11,820	-	11,820
At 31 March 2024	<u>20,325</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>22,265</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	2,105	1,137	3,242
Charge for year	1,014	522	1,536
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,119</u>	<u>1,659</u>	<u>4,778</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>17,206</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>17,487</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>6,400</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>7,203</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,095	(112)	31,983
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	401	(550)	(149)
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	3,862
	4,263	(550)	3,713
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,358</u>	<u>(662)</u>	<u>35,696</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,930	(135,042)	(112)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday	550	(1,100)	(550)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>135,480</u>	<u>(136,142)</u>	<u>(662)</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	47,180	(24,689)	9,604	32,095
Restricted funds				
Mission Giving	218	-	(218)	-
Home Mission				
	25	-	(25)	-
Romanian Orphanage	24	-	(24)	-
Senior Moments Event	915	-	(915)	-
First Tuesday				
	122	279	-	401
Gift Day	2,322	-	(2,322)	-
Mike Breeze Legacy	6,100	-	(6,100)	-
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	-	3,862
	<u>13,588</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>(9,604)</u>	<u>4,263</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,768</u>	<u>(24,410)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,358</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	100,679	(125,368)	(24,689)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday			
	1,026	(747)	279
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>101,705</u>	<u>(126,115)</u>	<u>(24,410)</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	47,180	(24,801)	9,604	31,983
Restricted funds				
Mission Giving	218	-	(218)	-
Home Mission				
	25	-	(25)	-
Romanian Orphanage	24	-	(24)	-
Senior Moments Event	915	-	(915)	-
First Tuesday				
	122	(271)	-	(149)
Gift Day	2,322	-	(2,322)	-
Mike Breeze Legacy	6,100	-	(6,100)	-
Dementia Cafe	3,862	-	-	3,862
	<u>13,588</u>	<u>(271)</u>	<u>(9,604)</u>	<u>3,713</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,768</u>	<u>(25,072)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,696</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	235,609	(260,410)	(24,801)
Restricted funds			
First Tuesday			
	1,576	(1,847)	(271)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,185</u>	<u>(262,257)</u>	<u>(25,072)</u>

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The custodian Trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited which is charity number 249635, and which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Heart of England Baptist Association.

See note 5 for details of trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024.

SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	6,608	20,249
Offerings	49,108	47,247
Gift aid	23,848	-
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	79,564	67,496
 Other trading activities		
Other trading income	55,718	34,149
 Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	198	60
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Total incoming resources	135,480	101,705
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	71,807	66,795
Pensions	8,808	5,364
Rates and water	3,984	1,458
Insurance	6,475	5,538
Light and heat	19,044	17,158
Repairs and maintenance	5,491	3,572
Sundries	15,168	20,574
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	130,777	120,459
 Other		
Fixtures and fittings	1,014	677
Computer equipment	522	522
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	1,536	1,199
 Support costs		
 Finance		
Bank charges	320	320
 Other		
Telephone	481	1,125
Postage and stationery	472	372
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	953	1,497
 Governance costs		
Accountancy	2,556	2,640

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SHREWSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Total resources expended	<u>136,142</u>	<u>126,115</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(662)</u>	<u>(24,410)</u>