

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1133944

Details

Other names	ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-01
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: Public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching, teaching;baptism, Communion of the Lord's Supper;evangelism, mission; teaching, encouragement, welcome & inclusion of young people; nurture & growth of Christian disciples;education & training for Christian & community service;pastoral care;supporting & encouraging charitable social action;encouraging & supporting other Christians.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£309,421	£311,598	-	-
2023-12-31	£282,068	£300,515	-	-
2022-12-31	£251,430	£270,147	-	-
2021-12-31	£215,391	£190,402	-	-
2020-12-31	£226,890	£210,802	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Raymond Law		2022-05-23
Charles Christopher Medlock		2021-06-07
David Andrew Patrick		2024-06-03
David Mark Fox		2022-05-23
Jane Anne Warden		2018-06-01
Mark Bailey		2022-04-25
Matt Bradley		2017-09-01
Rathika Jarvis		2024-06-03
Reuben Stuart Willcocks		2023-05-22

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Accounts

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Revd. M Bradley
J Warden
C Medlock
R Jarvis
M Bailey
M Fox
A Law
R Willcocks
D Patrick

(Appointed 3 June 2024)

Charity number

1133944

Independent examiner

Jodie Farkas
Lentells Limited
Ash House
Cook Way
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CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. It also advances education and undertakes other charitable purposes in the UK and other parts of the world.

The activities undertaken include public worship, prayer, bible study, teaching, encouragement, education and pastoral care.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Grant-making Policy

Grants are approved by the church meeting within the approval of the annual budget with any additional items voted by the same body during the year as the need arises.

Achievements and performance

Annual Review 2024

2024 saw us celebrating 200 years of there being a Baptist church in Creech St Michael. We held events throughout the year, including two special services in March thanking God for his faithfulness, with various past ministers attending along with the mayor of Taunton, followed by an 'indoor picnic' with a beautiful 200th anniversary cake. Continuing the anniversary celebrations, in October we welcomed about 200 people (from both the church and the wider local community) to a Harvest Home event. This included delicious food, alcohol-free cider and ale, and a folk band led by one of our members, and was a lot of fun. During the year we also held quieter, more reflective events to mark our 200 years, including a 24 hours of prayer event, a prayer walk and a week of prayer with guided prayer displays and communal Night Prayer via Zoom. Also displayed in church on 2 large boards were hundreds of photos, gathered from members past and present, of moments of joy and fellowship from the distant up to the more recent past, and this served as an inspiring witness to what God has done in and through our church.

In addition to the celebrations, 2024 was yet again a busy year, starting with both a marriage course and an Alpha course.

Our Sunday morning services have been well-attended, by both existing church members and new people. Our twice-monthly evening services are quieter, but have proved an inspiring opportunity to worship and to lean more into God's presence. Sunday morning youth and children's work is also thriving, with a good number of young people attending regularly and learning more about our faith while having fun and forming friendships together.

Our Creech Men group continued to thrive, with varied events aimed at men supporting each other in their faith and in friendship together, and a monthly ladies group called Nourish also started, providing breakfast and a chance for ladies from within our church to support, encourage, inspire, and pray for each other. The monthly Carers' Group facilitated by our church, and run by CCS, has continued to welcome many unpaid carers and the people they're caring for, and is hosted by 2 of our church members who offer a warm Christian welcome. On the weeks that the carers' group isn't running, this year has seen the start of a weekly chair-based exercise class aimed at seniors and those with mobility issues. Run by a church member, this has proved not only good for folks' physical health but also a good way to reach out to seniors.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Our youth and children's work continued to reach out to young people, with Sunday morning groups for all ages, and two weekday youth groups for ages 11 and up, along with a monthly 'youth café' – a friendly space based in our café where young people can invite their friends. Some of our young people also went on residential camps called SPREE (where we joined with 2 other local churches) and Luminosity (part of New Wine). Some also attended 'Movement Worship' evenings and local Christian youth gatherings, giving them the opportunity to meet and worship with other local young Christians, and some our young people were also involved in leading the worship too.

The beginning of August once again featured our Holiday Club. More than 100 primary-school aged children came along for a week of silliness, crafts, games, stories, Bible study, prayer, and laughter, run by dozens of church volunteers.

Shine, a lunchtime club in a local primary school, continued to introduce children to the Christian faith through stories and crafts and in 2024 grew in popularity, attracting 30-50 children every Thursday lunchtime. Our pastors and other members were also involved in local schools through governing bodies, ethos committees, leading assemblies/collective worship, and running Open the Book.

Our weekly Parent and Toddler group also thrived in 2024, with many parents and carers from our local communities attending with their young children.

Easter time saw our church join together once again with our local Anglican friends in a walk of witness through the village, as well as our usual Easter services and celebrations.

After Easter, our Lead Pastor went on sabbatical for 3 months, allowing him to explore various aspects of his faith.

Our Life Cafe continued to grow and thrive. Opening on Thursdays and Fridays and on 2 Saturdays per month, we welcome people in not only to share food and drink, but to share encouragement and support. We also run regular Community Feasts, offering a free meal and a warm welcome to anyone in the local community.

We have 15 Life Groups which continued to give members the chance to gather in smaller groups to study the bible, prayerfully support each other, and have fun. One Life Group, J24 based in North Petherton, continued to be involved in reaching out to asylum seekers in a local hotel. Under the guidance of CHARIS (a local Christian charity with close links to our church, caring for asylum seekers and refugees) they run various groups and activities, including Alpha courses in various languages, as well as enabling those who wish to, to attend church.

We also continued our monthly prayer for the persecuted church and our weekly term-time 'pause for prayer' (both via zoom)

Our Worldwide Mission group relaunched, strengthening connections with those missions and missionaries we support both in the UK and overseas. Our BMS link missionaries retired, and so we formed a new link with a missionary serving in a challenging part of the world. The Mission Group also started producing a monthly prayer guide, with daily prayer guidance for the many different ministries in our church.

Throughout the year, our leadership team continued to meet together for prayer and to discuss the spiritual and practical oversight of church life.

One of the most encouraging and inspiring aspects of 2024 was the number of baptisms. 11 people were baptised, including 5 of our young people. We also saw an increase in membership, with more people choosing to enter into covenant relationship with us as a church family.

Although a storm prevented the Christmas fayre from going ahead, 2024 ended with some joyful Christmas events: carols by candlelight, a nativity on the theme of 'Gogglebox', which saw our children and many of our young people retell the Christmas story in an imaginative way, carols round the tree at our local pub which saw a large number of local people gather and have the chance to hear the truth of the Christmas story, and of course a celebration service on Christmas Day.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial review

The attached financial statements show the state of finances of the church and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure for the year of £2,177 after charging depreciation of £15,616.

The balance sheet shows an decrease in net assets to £325,130. Of this figure, £71,285 now relates to the general fund, £43,553 relates to the designated funds and £210,292 relates to restricted funds for outreach, love gifts, mission, church property and building funds.

As pointed out at note 1.12, Brookings Cottage and The Arches are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust'. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

Reserves Policy

The church has adopted a minimum level of income reserves of three months of budgeted expenditure excluding restricted or designated expenditure. This reserve is adopted in order for the church to meet its financial obligations should there be a sudden reduction in its income. At the year end, the unrestricted net asset balance amounted to £71,285 which comfortably exceeds three months expenditure.

Investment powers and policy

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover day to day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The church was established by Trust Deed and has a written constitution, last updated 19 May 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

M Partridge	(Resigned 1 April 2025)
Revd. M Bradley	
J Warden	
B Cavaghan	(Resigned 1 June 2025)
C Medlock	
R Jarvis	
M Bailey	
M Fox	
A Law	
A Wallace	(Resigned 31 December 2024)
R Willcocks	
D Patrick	(Appointed 3 June 2024)

The Trustees were appointed by the membership of the church in general meeting. Induction and training needs are provided for by other trustees and external guidance is sought when needed.

The Church is a registered charity under registration number 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5QQ.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees' Expenses and Remuneration

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge, Mr Bailey and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals totaled £125,501 in the year.

Related Charities

The custodian trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (charity number 249635), which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



M. Bradley

Signed on 30 September 2025 @ 17:31

Revd. M Bradley

Trustee

Date:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the church's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the church's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Jodie Farkas

Countersigned on 01 October 2025 @ 09:04

Jodie Farkas

Chartered Accountant

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Dated:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes					
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	254,513	21,485	5,729	281,727	254,597
Charitable activities	5	26,069	-	60	26,129	26,554
Investments	4	1,565	-	-	1,565	917
Total income		282,147	21,485	5,789	309,421	282,068
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	6	226,028	65,508	20,062	311,598	300,515
Total expenditure		226,028	65,508	20,062	311,598	300,515
Net income/(expenditure)		56,119	(44,023)	(14,273)	(2,177)	(18,447)
Transfers between funds		(47,148)	60,972	(13,824)	-	-
Net movement in funds		8,971	16,949	(28,097)	(2,177)	(18,447)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		62,314	26,604	238,389	327,307	345,754
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		71,285	43,553	210,292	325,130	327,307

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	210,199	24,533	19,865	254,597
Charitable activities	5	26,554	-	-	26,554
Investments	4	917	-	-	917
Total income		237,670	24,533	19,865	282,068
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	214,185	26,242	60,088	300,515
Total expenditure		214,185	26,242	60,088	300,515
Net income/(expenditure)		23,485	(1,709)	(40,223)	(18,447)
Transfers between funds		(37,620)	6,270	31,350	-
Net movement in funds		(14,135)	4,561	(8,873)	(18,447)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		76,449	22,043	247,262	345,754
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		62,314	26,604	238,389	327,307

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		201,366		216,157
Current assets					
Debtors	12	11,952		10,277	
Cash at bank and in hand		119,465		109,431	
		131,417		119,708	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(7,653)		(8,558)	
Net current assets			123,764		111,150
Total assets less current liabilities			325,130		327,307
The funds of the church					
Restricted income funds	15		210,292		238,389
Unrestricted funds - general	17		71,285		62,314
Unrestricted funds - designated	16		43,553		26,604
			325,130		327,307

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on



M Bradley
Signed on 30 September 2025 @ 17:31

Revd. M Bradley
Trustee



David Patrick
Signed on 20/07/25 @ 19:48

D Patrick
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	20		9,324		(800)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(855)		(1,137)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		1,076	
Investment income received		1,565		917	
Net cash generated from investing activities			710		856
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			10,034		56
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			109,431		109,375
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			119,465		109,431

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Church is a registered charity. The charity's registration number is 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset TA3 5QQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been designated for a particular purpose. These funds may be redesignated at the discretion of the church. An analysis of the unrestricted designated funds is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted Income funds are funds which are subject to specific trusts and objects. These comprise specific love gifts, amounts earmarked out of general giving specifically for Outreach and Mission, and the original amounts used for the re-building of the church building. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Lettings income is recognised when the rental is due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Investment income is accounted for when it is receivable.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation.

Other Charitable Expenditure

Expenditure that directly relates to a cost category is charged solely to that category. However, where expenditure relates to at least two such categories, the cost is apportioned as necessary. Expenditure is generally recognised when incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1% straight line (Improvements 5%)
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The deacons believe the historic cost of the freehold property to be £250,000 as incurred between 1983 and 1985. This specifically excludes the historic cost of the land which was gifted in the 1860's and is certainly immaterial to these accounts.

The original cost of fixtures and equipment at 31 December 1999 was not known. It was not cost effective to value all of the related assets. Therefore, the cost at that date has been taken at its insurance value as per the September 1999 declaration as allowed by the Charities SORP. Fixtures and equipment purchased since that date have been capitalised at cost and subjected to depreciation as above.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Brookings Cottage and The Arches

Both of these properties are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust', and a separate return is made to the Charity Commission. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general		Unrestricted funds designated		Restricted funds		Unrestricted funds general		Unrestricted funds designated		Restricted funds		Total	
	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£
Donations and gifts	254,513		21,485		5,729		210,199		24,533		19,865		254,597	
Donations and gifts														
Offerings	204,012		-		-		167,806		-		-		167,806	
Income tax recoverable	38,524		599		8		31,445		44		2,248		33,737	
Love gifts	1,260		-		4,950		-		-		16,099		16,099	
Other specified income	9,369		150		771		10,189		4,758		1,518		16,465	
Outreach income	60		20,736		-		-		19,731		-		19,731	
Sundry receipts	1,288		-		-		759		-		-		759	
	254,513		21,485		5,729		210,199		24,533		19,865		254,597	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	1,565	917

5 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable rental income	26,129	26,554
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	26,069	
Restricted funds	60	
	26,129	
For the year ended 31 December 2023		
Unrestricted funds - general		26,554

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	111,471	102,934
Depreciation and impairment	15,616	16,105
Charitable giving	70,321	75,928
Repairs and renewals	65,199	64,091
Church meetings and speaker expenses	11,087	5,971
Youth activities	8,616	9,911
	<u>282,310</u>	<u>274,940</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	29,288	25,575
	<u>311,598</u>	<u>300,515</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	226,028	214,185
Unrestricted funds - designated	65,508	26,242
Restricted funds	20,062	60,088
	<u>311,598</u>	<u>300,515</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	14,911	14,684
Depreciation	30	96
Subscriptions	1,720	1,175
Bank charges	123	98
Catering costs	998	1,326
Office and sundry expenses	3,504	3,068
Bookkeeping costs	5,420	2,550
Independent examination	2,582	2,578
	<u>29,288</u>	<u>25,575</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>29,288</u>	<u>25,575</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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8 Trustees

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge, Mr Bailey and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals totaled £125,501 in the year.

The Trustees were reimbursed throughout the year for ordinary charitable expenses.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Administrative	1	1
Pastoral	3	3
Total	4	4

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	106,431	99,367
Social security costs	4,545	3,735
Other pension costs	15,406	14,516
	126,382	117,618

A defined contribution pension scheme is made available to all eligible employees. The employer cost of this scheme is shown above. The outstanding liability at the year end was £1,427 (2023: £1,336).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Aggregate compensation	105,243	97,544

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	300,831	194,989	495,820
Additions	-	855	855
	<u>300,831</u>	<u>195,844</u>	<u>496,675</u>
At 31 December 2024	300,831	195,844	496,675
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2024	112,787	166,876	279,663
Depreciation charged in the year	5,042	10,604	15,646
	<u>117,829</u>	<u>177,480</u>	<u>295,309</u>
At 31 December 2024	117,829	177,480	295,309
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	<u>183,002</u>	<u>18,364</u>	<u>201,366</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>188,044</u>	<u>28,113</u>	<u>216,157</u>

Generally, all of the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes, though some of the fixtures and equipment are used in the administration function and the church centre is periodically let when under used for other purposes.

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	5,000	5,000
Prepayments and accrued income	6,952	5,277
	<u>11,952</u>	<u>10,277</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	2,347	2,226
Trade creditors	711	332
Accruals and deferred income	4,595	6,000
	<u>7,653</u>	<u>8,558</u>

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14 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	15,406	14,516

The church operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the church in an independently administered fund.

15 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Love Gifts	15,617	4,950	(3,055)	(15,617)	1,895
Other Specified Fund	5,690	779	(617)	-	5,852
Church Property & Building Fund	216,097	-	(15,616)	-	200,481
New Wine Fund	985	-	(774)	-	211
Specific Gifts	-	60	-	1,793	1,853
	<u>238,389</u>	<u>5,789</u>	<u>(20,062)</u>	<u>(13,824)</u>	<u>210,292</u>

Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Love Gifts & Mission Fund	8,606	18,114	(42,453)	31,350	15,617
Other Specified Fund	4,454	1,751	(515)	-	5,690
Church Property & Building Fund	232,202	-	(16,105)	-	216,097
New Wine Fund	2,000	-	(1,015)	-	985
	<u>247,262</u>	<u>19,865</u>	<u>(60,088)</u>	<u>31,350</u>	<u>238,389</u>

The Love Gifts, Specific Gifts and Other Specified Funds receive and disburse specific gifts.

The Church Property and Building Fund relates to the funds used for the re-building and improvement of the church and the centre.

The New Wine fund and the Ilfracombe BC fund were created in 2019 for specific giving.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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16 Unrestricted funds - designated

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth fund	1,793	-	-	(1,793)	-
Fellowship fund	535	-	(340)	-	195
Outreach life cafe	4,303	20,719	(20,773)	-	4,249
Outreach/local mission fund	19,973	17	(3,654)	7,473	23,809
Mission	-	749	(40,741)	55,292	15,300
	<u>26,604</u>	<u>21,485</u>	<u>(65,508)</u>	<u>60,972</u>	<u>43,553</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth fund	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Fellowship fund	123	4,802	(4,390)	-	535
Outreach life cafe	2,297	19,062	(17,056)	-	4,303
Outreach/local mission fund	17,830	669	(4,796)	6,270	19,973
	<u>22,043</u>	<u>24,533</u>	<u>(26,242)</u>	<u>6,270</u>	<u>26,604</u>

The Outreach and Mission Funds receive and disburse specified proportions of unspecified offerings received including tax recoverable. The proportions for the current year amounted to 3% for Outreach (2023: 3%) and 15% for Mission (2023: 15%).

The Youth Fund receives amounts given to support Youth activities and those families working with young people in the local community.

The Special Mission fund is to help individuals with specific training and support.

The Fellowship Fund receives amounts from the General Fund for use in particular cases of need and hardship within the fellowship.

The Outreach Life Cafe was set up in 2016. Surplus funds generated are distributed to good causes.

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17 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	62,314	282,147	(226,028)	(47,148)	71,285
	<u>62,314</u>	<u>282,147</u>	<u>(226,028)</u>	<u>(47,148)</u>	<u>71,285</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	76,449	237,670	(214,185)	(37,620)	62,314
	<u>76,449</u>	<u>237,670</u>	<u>(214,185)</u>	<u>(37,620)</u>	<u>62,314</u>

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	824	-	200,542	201,366
Current assets/(liabilities)	70,461	43,553	9,750	123,764
	<u>71,285</u>	<u>43,553</u>	<u>210,292</u>	<u>325,130</u>
	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	-	-	216,157	216,157
Current assets/(liabilities)	62,314	26,604	22,232	111,150
	<u>62,314</u>	<u>26,604</u>	<u>238,389</u>	<u>327,307</u>

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19 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

At 31 December 2024, the charity was owed £5,000 from the trustees (2023 : £5,000). This loan is interest free.

20	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	2024 £	2023 £
	Deficit for the year	(2,177)	(18,447)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,565)	(917)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	15,646	16,201
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(1,675)	(551)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(905)	2,914
	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	<u>9,324</u>	<u>(800)</u>

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

The church had no material debt during the year.

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

M Partridge
Revd. M Bradley
J Warden
B Cavaghan
C Medlock
R Chinnadurai
M Bailey
M Fox
A Law
A Wallace (Appointed 22 May 2023)
R Willcocks (Appointed 22 May 2023)

Charity number

1133944

Independent examiner

Philip Adrian Stallard
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CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. It also advances education and undertakes other charitable purposes in the UK and other parts of the world.

The activities undertaken include public worship, prayer, bible study, teaching, encouragement, education and pastoral care.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Grant-making Policy

Grants are approved by the church meeting within the approval of the annual budget with any additional items voted by the same body during the year as the need arises.

Achievements and performance

Review of the past year

The year started positively with a popular launch event for our Alpha course, featuring Andy Kind (a Christian comedian). The subsequent Alpha course was very successful, leading to a follow-up group called Stepping Stones for those wishing to explore the Christian faith further

The start of the year also saw a change in the office, with the new role of 'Ministries Support Coordinator' aiming to enable and facilitate members as they use their gifts to start and/or run ministries as God leads them.

Sunday morning services have been well-attended both by existing church members and by an encouraging number of new people. Our children's and youth work on Sunday mornings also thrived, seeing more young people attend and learn more about our faith.

One of our Life Groups, J24 based in North Petherton, became involved in reaching out to asylum seekers housed in a local hotel. Under the guidance of CHARIS (a local Christian charity with close links to our church, caring for asylum seekers and refugees) they started running various groups and activities, as well as enabling those who wish to, to attend church.

2023 also saw the start of a new monthly ministry to Seniors, called Prime Time, with the aim of enabling friendships and conversations for all Seniors in the local community.

We also facilitated the start of a Carers' Support Group, run monthly in our church building by Spark and Somerset Carers Service, offering support, practical advice, and friendship to unpaid carers and the people they care for. This was hosted by members of our church, who offer a warm Christian welcome.

Our Creech Men group, aimed at supporting men in their faith and in supporting each other, has been successfully revitalised and during 2023 held regular events both at church and elsewhere.

Our Parent and Toddler group continued to thrive in 2023, with many parents and carers from our local communities attending with their children.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Easter time also saw our church join together once again with our local Anglican friends in a walk of witness through the village, as well as our usual Easter services and celebrations.

Our Life Café opened on Thursdays and Fridays, welcoming people in to not only share food and drink, but to share encouragement and support. The Life Café also opened for 2 Saturdays per month, often with special events such as Christian book stalls, etc. We also continued to run a weekly Welcome Space, offering a free warm space and a place to meet and make friends, along with a monthly Community Feast, offering a free meal and a warm welcome to anyone in the local community. This was often also attended by the asylum seekers, giving us further opportunities to care for them.

Our Life Groups continued to thrive, with new ones starting, giving members the chance to study the Bible, prayerfully support each other, and have fun.

We continued with our 'pause for prayer', which offered the weekly chance via Zoom for people to take time out to pray. We also continued our monthly prayer for the persecuted church throughout the world, again via zoom. In response to the challenges the school is facing, a small group also started a monthly prayer meeting for our local secondary school.

Shine, a lunchtime club in a local primary school, continued to introduce children to the Christian faith through stories, crafts – and fun. Our pastors and other members were also involved through governing bodies, ethos committees and leading assemblies/collective worship in our local primary schools.

Throughout 2023, our leadership team/trustees continued to meet together in person twice a month for prayer and to discuss the oversight of the church and its ministries. One of those meetings was focussed on prayer and strategic planning and discussion (generally centred on one key issue each month) while the other was focussed on praying for and discussing the practical and spiritual oversight of church life.

Our youth and children's work continued to reach out to young people, with Sunday morning groups for all ages and two weekday youth groups for ages 11 up, along with a monthly 'youth café' – a friendly space based in our café where young people can invite their friends. Some of our young people also went on residential weekends called SPREE and Satellites where they enjoyed meeting other young Christians through various activities and events. As this was so successful, more weekends are planned in 2024 including Luminosity, which is part of New Wine.

Some of our young people also attended 'Movement Worship' evenings once a month, giving them the opportunity to meet and worship with other local young Christians.

A Year 6 group called Kidzone+, running an adapted version of Youth Alpha, ran until the end of the school year.

The beginning of August once again featured our Holiday Club. Approximately 100 primary school-aged children came along for a week of silliness, crafts, games, stories, Bible study, prayer, and laughter, run by dozens of church volunteers.

2023 saw the sad loss of some of our senior church members. Although mourning their loss to us, we gathered together to give thanks for their lives, their faith and witness, and rejoice that they are now with their Lord.

Towards the end of the year, we had the privilege of hosting the ordination of Ali Tinson into Baptist Ministry.

2023 ended with our joyful Christmas events – to name a few: a nativity centred around a large 'campfire' constructed at the centre of the main church, which saw our children retell the Christmas story in an imaginative way, and was warmly enjoyed; a large Christmas community fayre which we helped organise and host; carols by candlelight; carols round the tree at our local pub saw a large number of local people gather and have the chance to hear the truth of the Christmas story

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Financial review

The attached financial statements show the state of finances of the church and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure for the year of £18,447 after charging depreciation of £16,201.

The balance sheet shows an decrease in net assets to £327,307. Of this figure, £62,314 now relates to the general fund, £26,604 relates to the designated funds and £238,389 relates to restricted funds for outreach, love gifts, mission, church property and building funds.

As pointed out at note 1.12, Brookings Cottage and The Arches are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust'. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

Reserves Policy

The church has adopted a minimum level of income reserves of three months of budgeted expenditure excluding restricted or designated expenditure. This reserve is adopted in order for the church to meet its financial obligations should there be a sudden reduction in its income. At the year end, the unrestricted net asset balance amounted to £62,314 which comfortably exceeds three months expenditure..

Investment powers and policy

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover day to day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The church was established by Trust Deed and has a written constitution, last updated 19 May 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

I Kelland	(Resigned 22 May 2023)
M Partridge	
Revd. M Bradley	
J Warden	
B Cavaghan	
I Tremain	(Resigned 22 May 2023)
C Medlock	
R Chinnadurai	
M Bailey	
M Fox	
A Law	
A Wallace	(Appointed 22 May 2023)
R Willcocks	(Appointed 22 May 2023)

The Trustees were appointed by the membership of the church in general meeting. Induction and training needs are provided for by other trustees and external guidance is sought when needed.

The Church is a registered charity under registration number 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5QQ.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Trustees' Expenses and Remuneration

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge, Mr Bailey and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown within the accounts.

Related Charities

The custodian trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (charity number 249635), which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



M Bradley
Signed on 03/07/24 @ 16:14

Revd. M Bradley

Trustee

Date:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



PA Stallard
Signed on 05/09/24 @ 10:04

Philip Adrian Stallard
Chartered Accountant

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Dated:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes					
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	210,199	24,533	19,865	254,597	250,152
Charitable activities	5	26,554	-	-	26,554	17,474
Investments	4	917	-	-	917	269
Total income		<u>237,670</u>	<u>24,533</u>	<u>19,865</u>	<u>282,068</u>	<u>267,895</u>
Charitable activities	6	214,185	26,242	60,088	300,515	286,612
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>23,485</u>	<u>(1,709)</u>	<u>(40,223)</u>	<u>(18,447)</u>	<u>(18,717)</u>
Transfers between funds		<u>(37,620)</u>	<u>6,270</u>	<u>31,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(14,135)</u>	<u>4,561</u>	<u>(8,873)</u>	<u>(18,447)</u>	<u>(18,717)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		<u>76,449</u>	<u>22,043</u>	<u>247,262</u>	<u>345,754</u>	<u>364,471</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u><u>62,314</u></u>	<u><u>26,604</u></u>	<u><u>238,389</u></u>	<u><u>327,307</u></u>	<u><u>345,754</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	214,294	24,526	11,332	250,152
Charitable activities	5	17,474	-	-	17,474
Investments	4	269	-	-	269
Total income		232,037	24,526	11,332	267,895
Charitable activities	6	204,041	26,390	56,181	286,612
Net income/(expenditure)		27,996	(1,864)	(44,849)	(18,717)
Transfers between funds		(65,540)	5,934	59,606	-
Net movement in funds		(37,544)	4,070	14,757	(18,717)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		113,993	17,973	232,505	364,471
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		76,449	22,043	247,262	345,754

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		216,157		232,297
Current assets					
Debtors	12	10,277		9,726	
Cash at bank and in hand		109,431		109,375	
		119,708		119,101	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	8,558		5,644	
Net current assets			111,150		113,457
Total assets less current liabilities			327,307		345,754
The funds of the church					
Restricted income funds	14		238,389		247,262
Unrestricted funds - general			62,314		76,449
Unrestricted funds - designated	15		26,604		22,043
			327,307		345,754

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on



M Bradley
Signed on 03/07/24 @ 16:14

Revd. M Bradley
Trustee



A Wallace
Signed on 04/09/24 @ 17:51

A Wallace
Trustee

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	19		(800)		(6,808)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,137)		(31,663)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		1,076		-	
Investment income received		917		269	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			856		(31,394)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			56		(38,202)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			109,375		147,577
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			109,431		109,375

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Church is a registered charity. The charity's registration number is 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset TA3 5QQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been designated for a particular purpose. These funds may be redesignated at the discretion of the church. An analysis of the unrestricted designated funds is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted Income funds are funds which are subject to specific trusts and objects. These comprise specific love gifts, amounts earmarked out of general giving specifically for Outreach and Mission, and the original amounts used for the re-building of the church building. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Lettings income is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is accounted for when it is receivable.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation.

Other Charitable Expenditure

Expenditure that directly relates to a cost category is charged solely to that category. However, where expenditure relates to at least two such categories, the cost is apportioned as necessary. Expenditure is generally recognised when incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1% straight line (Improvements 5%)
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The deacons believe the historic cost of the freehold property to be £250,000 as incurred between 1983 and 1985. This specifically excludes the historic cost of the land which was gifted in the 1860's and is certainly immaterial to these accounts.

The original cost of fixtures and equipment at 31 December 1999 was not known. It was not cost effective to value all of the related assets. Therefore, the cost at that date has been taken at its insurance value as per the September 1999 declaration as allowed by the Charities SORP. Fixtures and equipment purchased since that date have been capitalised at cost and subjected to depreciation as above.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Brookings Cottage and The Arches

Both of these properties are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust', and a separate return is made to the Charity Commission. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	210,199	24,533	19,865	254,597	214,294	24,526	11,332	250,152
Donations and gifts								
Offerings	167,806	-	-	167,806	159,421	-	-	159,421
Income tax recoverable	31,445	44	2,248	33,737	29,775	-	-	29,775
Love gifts	-	-	16,099	16,099	-	-	9,118	9,118
Other specified income	10,189	4,758	1,518	16,465	10,934	7,144	2,214	20,292
Outreach income	-	19,731	-	19,731	-	17,382	-	17,382
Sundry receipts	759	-	-	759	14,164	-	-	14,164
	210,199	24,533	19,865	254,597	214,294	24,526	11,332	250,152

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	917	269

5 Charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable rental income	26,554	17,474
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	26,554	
For the year ended 31 December 2022		
Unrestricted funds - general		17,474

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2023 £	Charitable activities 2022 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	102,934	83,570
Depreciation and impairment	16,105	13,403
Charitable Giving	75,928	86,648
Property expenditure	64,091	61,671
Church meetings and speaker expenses	5,971	4,960
Youth activities	9,911	6,848
	<u>274,940</u>	<u>257,100</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	25,575	29,512
	<u>300,515</u>	<u>286,612</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	214,185	204,041
Unrestricted funds - designated	26,242	26,390
Restricted funds	60,088	56,181
	<u>300,515</u>	<u>286,612</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	14,684	19,668
Depreciation	96	118
Subscriptions	1,175	1,208
Bank charges	98	129
Catering costs	1,326	2,234
Office running costs	3,068	3,724
Bookkeeping costs	2,550	-
Independent examination	2,578	2,431
	<u>25,575</u>	<u>29,512</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	<u>25,575</u>	<u>29,512</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 Trustees

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown in the notes to the financial statements.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administrative	1	3
Pastoral	3	3
Total	4	6

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	99,367	90,956
Social security costs	3,735	1,562
Other pension costs	14,516	10,720
	117,618	103,238

A defined contribution pension scheme is made available to all eligible employees. The employer cost of this scheme is shown above. The outstanding liability at the year end was £1,336 (2022: £1,115).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	97,544	81,552

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	300,831	194,928	495,759
Additions	-	1,137	1,137
Disposals	-	(1,076)	(1,076)
	<u>300,831</u>	<u>194,989</u>	<u>495,820</u>
At 31 December 2023	300,831	194,989	495,820
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2023	107,745	155,717	263,462
Depreciation charged in the year	5,042	11,159	16,201
	<u>112,787</u>	<u>166,876</u>	<u>279,663</u>
At 31 December 2023	112,787	166,876	279,663
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2023	<u>188,044</u>	<u>28,113</u>	<u>216,157</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>193,086</u>	<u>39,211</u>	<u>232,297</u>

Generally, all of the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes, though some of the fixtures and equipment are used in the administration function and the church centre is periodically let when under used for other purposes.

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	5,000	5,000
Prepayments and accrued income	5,277	4,726
	<u>10,277</u>	<u>9,726</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	2,226	2,096
Trade creditors	332	-
Accruals and deferred income	6,000	3,548
	<u>8,558</u>	<u>5,644</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

14 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Love Gifts & Mission Fund	8,606	18,114	(42,453)	31,350	15,617
Other Specified Fund	4,454	1,751	(515)	-	5,690
Church Property & Building Fund	232,202	-	(16,105)	-	216,097
New Wine Fund	2,000	-	(1,015)	-	985
	<u>247,262</u>	<u>19,865</u>	<u>(60,088)</u>	<u>31,350</u>	<u>238,389</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Love Gifts & Mission Fund	8,765	9,118	(38,947)	29,670	8,606
Other Specified Fund	4,439	2,214	(2,199)	-	4,454
Church Property & Building Fund	215,301	-	(13,035)	29,936	232,202
New Wine Fund	4,000	-	(2,000)	-	2,000
	<u>232,505</u>	<u>11,332</u>	<u>(56,181)</u>	<u>59,606</u>	<u>247,262</u>

The Outreach and Mission Funds receive and disburse specified proportions of unspecified offerings received including tax recoverable. The proportions for the current year amounted to 3% for Outreach (2022: 3%) and 15% for Mission (2022: 15%).

The Love Gifts and Other Specified Fund receives and disburses specific gifts.

The Church Property and Building Fund relates to the funds used for the re-building and improvement of the church and the centre.

The New Wine fund and the Ilfracombe BC fund were created in 2019 for specific giving.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

15 Unrestricted funds - designated

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth fund	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Fellowship fund	123	4,802	(4,390)	-	535
Outreach life cafe	2,297	19,062	(17,056)	-	4,303
Outreach/local mission fund	17,830	669	(4,796)	6,270	19,973
	<u>22,043</u>	<u>24,533</u>	<u>(26,242)</u>	<u>6,270</u>	<u>26,604</u>

Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Youth fund	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Fellowship fund	61	7,143	(7,081)	-	123
Outreach life cafe	-	17,169	(14,872)	-	2,297
Outreach/local mission fund	16,119	214	(4,437)	5,934	17,830
	<u>17,973</u>	<u>24,526</u>	<u>(26,390)</u>	<u>5,934</u>	<u>22,043</u>

The Youth Fund receives amounts given to support Youth activities and those families working with young people in the local community. The Special Mission fund is to help individuals with specific training and support.

The Fellowship Fund receives amounts from the General Fund for use in particular cases of need and hardship within the fellowship.

The Outreach Life Cafe was set up in 2016. Surplus funds generated are distributed to good causes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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16 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	76,449	237,670	(214,185)	(37,620)	62,314
	<u>76,449</u>	<u>237,670</u>	<u>(214,185)</u>	<u>(37,620)</u>	<u>62,314</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	113,993	232,037	(204,041)	(65,540)	76,449
	<u>113,993</u>	<u>232,037</u>	<u>(204,041)</u>	<u>(65,540)</u>	<u>76,449</u>

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	-	-	216,157	216,157
Current assets/(liabilities)	62,314	26,604	22,232	111,150
	<u>62,314</u>	<u>26,604</u>	<u>238,389</u>	<u>327,307</u>
	<u>62,314</u>	<u>26,604</u>	<u>238,389</u>	<u>327,307</u>
	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	95	-	232,202	232,297
Current assets/(liabilities)	76,354	22,043	15,060	113,457
	<u>76,449</u>	<u>22,043</u>	<u>247,262</u>	<u>345,754</u>
	<u>76,449</u>	<u>22,043</u>	<u>247,262</u>	<u>345,754</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

18 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

19 Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
Deficit for the year	(18,447)	(18,717)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(917)	(269)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	16,201	13,521
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(551)	(264)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	2,914	(1,079)
Cash absorbed by operations	(800)	(6,808)

20 Analysis of changes in net funds

The church had no material debt during the year.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1133944

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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B Cavaghan
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. It also advances education and undertakes other charitable purposes in the UK and other parts of the world.

The activities undertaken include public worship, prayer, bible study, teaching, encouragement, education and pastoral care.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Grant-making Policy

Grants are approved by the church meeting within the approval of the annual budget with any additional items voted by the same body during the year as the need arises.

Achievements and performance

Review of the past year

The year started positively with many of our young people helping our youth pastor celebrate his 60th birthday by raising £3000 for the Children's Hospice with an event called '6 things for 60' (running, kayaking, paddle boarding, cycling, archery and axe throwing).

As the pandemic restrictions were completely lifted, we welcomed people back into our church building. However, recognising how blessed some have been by being able to watch online while housebound, we continued to stream our services as well.

Sunday morning services have been well-attended both by existing church members and by an encouraging number of new people. Many of these newcomers have become involved in various aspects of church ministry and welcome teas have also helped welcome them into our church family.

We were delighted to see 5 people baptised this year, giving moving testimony as they professed their faith.

In April we welcomed our new pastor, Mark. He brings fresh insight and is working very well with our existing team. This year has also seen our Vision of 'Seeing Lives Transformed by Jesus' launched fully, with 2 Vision Days held. The first explained and engaged the church with the vision and what it means, and the second invited the church to look at how we can all play our part, and use our gifts, to help see lives transformed.

Easter time also saw our church join together in person with our local Anglican friends in a walk of witness through the village, as well as our usual Easter services and celebrations.

Our Life Café has returned to the building, and on Thursdays and Fridays welcomes people in to not only share food and drink, but to share encouragement and support. The Life Café also opens for 2 Saturdays per month, often with special events such as Christian book stalls, Traidcraft etc

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Our Alpha courses continued to offer the opportunity for anyone to share meals while they ask questions and explore what Christian faith means.

Our Life Groups continued to thrive, with new ones starting, giving members the chance to study the Bible, prayerfully support each other, and have fun.

We continued with our 'pause for prayer', which offered the weekly chance via Zoom for people to take time out to pray. We also continued our monthly prayer for the persecuted church throughout the world, again via zoom.

Lunchtime clubs in various local primary schools continue to introduce those children to the Christian faith through stories, crafts – and fun. Our pastors and other members are also involved through governing bodies, ethos committees and leading assemblies in our local primary schools.

Throughout 2022, our leadership team/trustees continued to meet together in person twice a month for prayer and to discuss the oversight of the church and its ministries – an away day in September helped us to focus on the vision and set some priorities going forward as well as having a good time of fellowship together. Throughout 2022, we have also continued to be blessed by the contribution of our Ministerial student, who is gaining experience as part of our Ministry Team while continuing her studies at Bristol Baptist College.

Our youth and children's work continued to reach out to young people, with Sunday morning groups for all ages and various weekday youth groups for ages 11 up. Some of our young people also went on a residential weekend called SPREE where they enjoyed meeting other young Christians through various activities and events. As this was so successful, another weekend is planned for 2023 as well as a second residential weekend through an organisation called Satellites.

The beginning of August saw the return of our Holiday Club in person. Approximately 100 primary school-aged children came along for a week of silliness, crafts, games, stories, Bible study, prayer, and laughter, run by dozens of church volunteers.

Sadly, this year the world was shaken by the war in Ukraine. Moved by the plight of the Ukrainian people, the church raised money for a love gift that was given to 2 ministries that members had connections to – Kreativity, giving food and practical support in Ukraine, and a Baptist church in Slovakia helping house and care for displaced Ukrainians. We also set up a working group of folk praying for Ukraine and wishing to host and support Ukrainian refugees. Through the year members have welcomed various Ukrainian families, couples, and individuals into their homes. The church as a whole has been enriched by sharing our lives with our Ukrainian friends, and learning more of their culture and traditions, but we all continue to pray for an end to the war so that they can return to their homeland.

Towards the end of the year as our community was affected by the rising cost of living, we opened our church building on Wednesday lunchtimes (after our toddler group) and Friday afternoons as a Warm Space, offering warmth, hot drinks, and company. Twice a month we also provided a Community Feast, offering a simple hot meal to anyone who needed it.

2022 ended with the joyful return of in-person Christmas events – to name a few: the walkabout nativity, which saw our children retell the Christmas story around the village, and was warmly enjoyed; a large Christmas community fayre which we helped organise and host; carols by candlelight returned to our church building and was a moving evening of worship; carols round the tree at our local pub saw a large number of local people gather and have the chance to hear the truth of the Christmas story

Financial review

The attached financial statements show the state of finances of the church and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure for the year of £18,717 after charging depreciation of £13,521.

The balance sheet shows an decrease in net assets to £345,754. Of this figure, £76,449 now relates to the general fund, £22,043 relates to the designated funds and £247,262 relates to restricted funds for outreach, love gifts, mission, church property and building funds.

As pointed out at note 1.12, Brookings Cottage and The Arches are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust'. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Reserves Policy

The church has adopted a minimum level of income reserves of three months of budgeted expenditure excluding restricted or designated expenditure. This reserve is adopted in order for the church to meet its financial obligations should there be a sudden reduction in its income. At the year end, the unrestricted net asset balance amounted to £76,449 which comfortably exceeds three months expenditure..

Investment powers and policy

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover day to day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The church was established by Trust Deed and has a written constitution, last updated 19 May 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

I Kelland	
M Partridge	
D Browse	(Resigned 23 May 2022)
S Barnes	(Resigned 23 May 2022)
Revd. M Bradley	
J Warden	
B Cavaghan	
I Tremain	
C Medlock	
R Chinnadurai	
M Bailey	(Appointed 25 April 2022)
M Fox	(Appointed 23 May 2022)
A Law	(Appointed 23 May 2022)

The Trustees were appointed by the membership of the church in general meeting. Induction and training needs are provided for by other trustees and external guidance is sought when needed.

The Church is a registered charity under registration number 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5QQ.

Trustees' Expenses and Remuneration

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge, Mr Bailey and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown within the accounts.

Related Charities

The custodian trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (charity number 249635), which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



M Bradley
Signed on 28/06/23 @ 18:21

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Revd. M Bradley

Trustee

Date:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the church's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

P A Stallard
Chartered Accountant

Lentells Limited
Ash House
Cook Way
Bindon Road
Taunton
TA2 6BJ



PA Stallard
Signed on 29/06/23 @ 07:00

Dated:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes					
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	214,294	24,526	11,332	250,152	214,585
Charitable activities	5	1,009	-	-	1,009	379
Investments	4	269	-	-	269	427
Total income		215,572	24,526	11,332	251,430	215,391
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	6	187,576	26,390	56,181	270,147	190,402
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		27,996	(1,864)	(44,849)	(18,717)	24,989
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		27,996	(1,864)	(44,849)	(18,717)	24,989
Gross transfers between funds		(65,540)	5,934	59,606	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(37,544)	4,070	14,757	(18,717)	24,989
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		113,993	17,973	232,505	364,471	339,482
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		76,449	22,043	247,262	345,754	364,471

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	196,961	7,382	10,242	214,585
Charitable activities	5	379	-	-	379
Investments	4	427	-	-	427
Total income		197,767	7,382	10,242	215,391
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	6	130,326	11,968	48,108	190,402
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		67,441	(4,586)	(37,866)	24,989
Gross transfers between funds		(36,862)	8,049	28,813	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		30,579	3,463	(9,053)	24,989
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		83,414	14,510	241,558	339,482
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		113,993	17,973	232,505	364,471

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		232,297		214,155
Current assets					
Debtors	11	9,726		9,462	
Cash at bank and in hand		109,375		147,577	
		119,101		157,039	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,644)		(6,723)	
Net current assets			113,457		150,316
Total assets less current liabilities			345,754		364,471
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		247,262		232,505
Unrestricted funds - designated			22,043		17,973
Unrestricted funds - general			76,449		113,993
			345,754		364,471

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on



M. Bradley
Signed on 28/06/23 @ 18:21

Revd. M Bradley
Trustee



Jane Warden
Signed on 28/06/23 @ 23:09

J Warden
Trustee

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	17		(6,808)		38,170
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(31,663)		(4,848)	
Investment income received		269		427	
Net cash used in investing activities			(31,394)		(4,421)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(38,202)		33,749
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			147,577		113,828
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			109,375		147,577

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Church is a registered charity. The charity's registration number is 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset TA3 5QQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been designated for a particular purpose. These funds may be redesignated at the discretion of the church. An analysis of the unrestricted designated funds is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted Income funds are funds which are subject to specific trusts and objects. These comprise specific love gifts, amounts earmarked out of general giving specifically for Outreach and Mission, and the original amounts used for the re-building of the church building. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Lettings income is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is accounted for when it is receivable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation.

Other Charitable Expenditure

Expenditure that directly relates to a cost category is charged solely to that category. However, where expenditure relates to at least two such categories, the cost is apportioned as necessary. Expenditure is generally recognised when incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1% straight line (Improvements 5%)
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The deacons believe the historic cost of the freehold property to be £250,000 as incurred between 1983 and 1985. This specifically excludes the historic cost of the land which was gifted in the 1860's and is certainly immaterial to these accounts.

The original cost of fixtures and equipment at 31 December 1999 was not known. It was not cost effective to value all of the related assets. Therefore, the cost at that date has been taken at its insurance value as per the September 1999 declaration as allowed by the Charities SORP. Fixtures and equipment purchased since that date have been capitalised at cost and subjected to depreciation as above.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Brookings Cottage and The Arches

Both of these properties are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust', and a separate return is made to the Charity Commission. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and gifts	214,294	24,526	11,332	250,152	196,961	7,382	10,242	214,585
Donations and gifts								
Offerings	159,421	-	-	159,421	151,963	-	-	151,963
Income tax recoverable	29,775	-	-	29,775	28,216	1	-	28,217
Love gifts	-	-	9,118	9,118	-	-	9,045	9,045
Other specified income	10,934	7,144	2,214	20,292	16,480	700	1,197	18,377
Outreach income	-	17,382	-	17,382	-	6,681	-	6,681
Sundry receipts	14,164	-	-	14,164	302	-	-	302
	214,294	24,526	11,332	250,152	196,961	7,382	10,242	214,585

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Interest receivable	269	427
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Charitable rental income	1,009	379
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	1,009	
	<u> </u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2021		
Unrestricted funds - general		379
		<u> </u>

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

6 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	83,570	68,007
Depreciation and impairment	13,403	11,068
Charitable Giving	86,648	49,739
Property expenditure	45,206	23,339
Church meetings and speaker expenses	4,960	5,270
Youth activities	6,848	2,522
	<u>240,635</u>	<u>159,945</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	29,512	30,457
	<u>270,147</u>	<u>190,402</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	187,576	
Unrestricted funds - designated	26,390	
Restricted funds	56,181	
	<u>270,147</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2021		
Unrestricted funds - general		130,326
Unrestricted funds - designated		11,968
Restricted funds		48,108
		<u>190,402</u>

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	Support costs	Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	19,668	-	19,668	21,841	-	21,841
Depreciation	118	-	118	118	-	118
Subscriptions	1,208	-	1,208	1,169	-	1,169
Bank charges	129	-	129	44	-	44
Catering costs	2,234	-	2,234	621	-	621
Office running costs	3,724	-	3,724	4,475	-	4,475
Accountancy, payroll & Independent Examination	2,431	-	2,431	2,189	-	2,189
	<u>29,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,512</u>	<u>30,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,457</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>29,512</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,512</u>	<u>30,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,457</u>

8 Trustees

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown in the notes to the financial statements.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Administrative	3	3
Pastoral	3	2
Total	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>

Employment costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	90,956	77,999
Social security costs	1,562	3,287
Other pension costs	10,720	8,562
	<u>103,238</u>	<u>89,848</u>

A defined contribution pension scheme is made available to all eligible employees. The employer cost of this scheme is shown above. The outstanding liability at the year end was £1,115 (2021: £857).

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9 Employees

(Continued)

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	300,831	163,265	464,096
Additions	-	31,663	31,663
	<u>300,831</u>	<u>194,928</u>	<u>495,759</u>
At 31 December 2022	300,831	194,928	495,759
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2022	102,703	147,238	249,941
Depreciation charged in the year	5,042	8,479	13,521
	<u>107,745</u>	<u>155,717</u>	<u>263,462</u>
At 31 December 2022	107,745	155,717	263,462
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	<u>193,086</u>	<u>39,211</u>	<u>232,297</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>198,128</u>	<u>16,027</u>	<u>214,155</u>

Generally, all of the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes, though some of the fixtures and equipment are used in the administration function and the church centre is periodically let when under used for other purposes.

11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	5,000	5,000
Prepayments and accrued income	4,726	4,462
	<u>9,726</u>	<u>9,462</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	2,096	3,592
Accruals and deferred income	3,548	3,131
	<u>5,644</u>	<u>6,723</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Love Gifts & Mission Fund	9,133	9,044	(38,225)	28,813	8,765	9,118	(38,947)	29,670	8,606
Other Specified Fund	3,532	1,198	(291)	-	4,439	2,214	(2,199)	-	4,454
Church Property & Building Fund	224,893	-	(9,592)	-	215,301	-	(13,035)	29,936	232,202
New Wine Fund	4,000	-	-	-	4,000	-	(2,000)	-	2,000
	<u>241,558</u>	<u>10,242</u>	<u>(48,108)</u>	<u>28,813</u>	<u>232,505</u>	<u>11,332</u>	<u>(56,181)</u>	<u>59,606</u>	<u>247,262</u>

The Outreach and Mission Funds receive and disburse specified proportions of unspecified offerings received including tax recoverable. The proportions for the current year amounted to 3% for Outreach (2021: 3%) and 15% for Mission (2021: 15%).

The Love Gifts and Other Specified Fund receives and disburses specific gifts.

The Church Property and Building Fund relates to the funds used for the re-building and improvement of the church and the centre.

The New Wine fund and the Ilfracombe BC fund were created in 2019 for specific giving.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Fund	1,793	-	-	-	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Fellowship Fund	168	684	(791)	-	61	7,144	(7,082)	-	123
Outreach Life Cafe	-	6,698	(8,984)	2,286	-	17,169	(14,872)	-	2,297
Outreach/Local Mission Fund	12,549	-	(2,193)	5,763	16,119	214	(4,437)	5,934	17,830
	<u>14,510</u>	<u>7,382</u>	<u>(11,968)</u>	<u>8,049</u>	<u>17,973</u>	<u>24,527</u>	<u>(26,391)</u>	<u>5,934</u>	<u>22,043</u>

The Youth Fund receives amounts given to support Youth activities and those families working with young people in the local community. The Special Mission fund is to help individuals with specific training and support.

The Fellowship Fund receives amounts from the General Fund for use in particular cases of need and hardship within the fellowship.

The Outreach Life Cafe was set up in 2016. Surplus funds generated are distributed to good causes.

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Designated Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Designated Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	95	-	232,202	232,297	5,062	368	208,725	214,155
Current assets/(liabilities)	76,354	22,043	15,060	113,457	108,931	17,605	23,780	150,316
	<u>76,449</u>	<u>22,043</u>	<u>247,262</u>	<u>345,754</u>	<u>113,993</u>	<u>17,973</u>	<u>232,505</u>	<u>364,471</u>

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

16 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2022 £	2021 £
Aggregate compensation	81,552	65,468

Transactions with related parties

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge, Mr Bailey and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown within the accounts.

17 Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(18,717)	24,989
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(269)	(427)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	13,521	11,186
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(264)	240
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,079)	2,182
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(6,808)	38,170

18 Analysis of changes in net funds

The church had no debt during the year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021



CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

I Kelland
M Partridge
D Browse
S Barnes
Revd. M Bradley
J Warden
B Cavaghan
I Tremain
C Medlock
R Chinnadurai

(Appointed 7 June 2021)
(Appointed 7 June 2021)

Charity number

1133944

Independent examiner

P A Stallard
Lentells Limited
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CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. It also advances education and undertakes other charitable purposes in the UK and other parts of the world.

The activities undertaken include public worship, prayer, bible study, teaching, encouragement, education and pastoral care.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Grant-making Policy

Grants are approved by the church meeting within the approval of the annual budget with any additional items voted by the same body during the year as the need arises.

Achievements and performance

Review of the past year

The start of 2021 was still overshadowed by the pandemic, and our Sunday services continued to be streamed online. These services have proved a good way of keeping church members included in church life as well as being a successful form of outreach to those outside the church.

Easter services were also all online, including a creative Good Friday service in partnership with our local Anglican churches, and a 'digital choir', made up of adults, young people, and children, which proved as popular as the previous Christmas choir, with many more of the church getting involved. The finished video was streamed and shared via social media, proving an effective and moving Easter outreach.

Finding a way to gradually start gathering together in person for our Sunday gatherings became our focus towards the middle of the year and we held a large outdoor family service and picnic in our local school field that proved very popular. In August over the summer holidays we made our first steps towards gathering again in our building for Sunday worship, with an indoor café-table setup allowing folks to gather together to watch a pre-recorded service. In September the church opened up our building once again for live services with careful covid mitigations in place, but continued to stream them as well. This enabled a 'hybrid' approach, where those who felt able could attend in person, and those unable could still participate online. We have been encouraged to see so many people new to us attending in person, thanks to having watched and enjoyed the online services over the previous 18 months.

In less encouraging news, the church building suffered a break in, and although not much of financial value was stolen, sadly an old safe containing such things as letters detailing dying wishes was taken. Several doors were also badly damaged. The building has been made secure, but the full replacement of the external doors has been delayed due to supply issues throughout Europe. This has now been scheduled for April 2022.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

As with services, youth and children's work started the year online, moving back to meeting in person as the building re-opened. Sunday services from September were accompanied by in-person youth and children's work and mid-week youth groups from then were largely in-person, but with some youth joining online. Over the summer several outdoor social events were also held for the young people.

Our Life Café continued to use the outdoor kiosk and seating to serve both our church and wider community and in November was able to move back into the building. It continued to be a successful support and outreach, opening 3 days a week. In addition to the usual café, the young people had their own outreach event, spending 2 evenings at Christmas giving out free drinks to the community from the kiosk.

Our Life Groups (small groups offering Bible study, prayer, and fellowship) have continued to grow, with new groups starting during the year. Most groups continued to meet online, with the occasional in-person meeting as restrictions were lifted. We also started an online-only Life Group so that those housebound for any reason can still enjoy the fellowship and support of a Life Group.

Members meetings and leadership team meetings continued to meet regularly online throughout the year, utilising break out groups and Zoom polling to allow interactive and meaningful dialogue and decision making.

Several Alpha courses were run during 2021, for those seeking to find out more about the Christian faith – these included an online course for adults, a Youth Alpha online for young people, and an in-person Alpha course towards the end of the year. A baptism course was also run for those who showed interest in exploring this step of faith.

Throughout the year, and continuing even as restrictions eased, we have run a mid-week online 'pause for prayer'. This is an opportunity, for anyone able, to meet via Zoom once a week to pray together. In addition to this a monthly online prayer session ran on Sunday evenings with the particular focus of praying for persecuted Christians around the world.

In the Autumn one of our groups run within a local primary school, in partnership with the local Anglican fellowship, was able to restart, and was welcomed warmly by both staff and pupils at the school.

Throughout 2021, we have continued to be blessed by the contribution of our Ministerial student, who is gaining experience as part of our Ministry Team while continuing her studies at Bristol Baptist College.

2021 ended with a resurgence of Covid, meaning we were unable to hold our traditional Carols By Candlelight service in the enclosed space of our church building. Instead, we held a 'Carols in the Barn' service in a local open-sided barn. This proved a popular and effective outreach, with many attending in-person and online. Also in December we held a Walkabout Nativity, with the children and young people enacting the Christmas story from a unique perspective while walking round the village, finishing at the church building.

At the very end of 2021 the church came together to hold an interactive and fun weekend interview process as part of our search for a third pastor to join the team, and were delighted to appoint Mark Bailey who will be joining us in April 2022.

Financial review

The attached financial statements show the state of finances of the church and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income for the year of £24,989 after charging depreciation of £11,186.

The balance sheet shows an increase in net assets to £364,471. Of this figure, £113,993 now relates to the general fund, £17,973 relates to the designated funds and £232,505 relates to restricted funds for outreach, love gifts, mission, church property and building funds.

As pointed out at note 1.12, Brookings Cottage and The Arches are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust'. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Reserves Policy

The church has adopted a minimum level of income reserves of three months of budgeted expenditure excluding restricted or designated expenditure. This reserve is adopted in order for the church to meet its financial obligations should there be a sudden reduction in its income. At the year end, the unrestricted net asset balance amounted to £113,993.

Investment powers and policy

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover day to day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The church was established by Trust Deed and has a written constitution, last updated 19 May 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

I Kelland

M Partridge

D Browse

S Barnes

J Medlock

(Resigned 1 June 2021)

Revd. M Bradley

J Warden

B Cavaghan

I Tremain

C Medlock

(Appointed 7 June 2021)

R Chinnadurai

(Appointed 7 June 2021)

The Trustees were appointed by the membership of the church in general meeting. Induction and training needs are provided for by other trustees and external guidance is sought when needed.

The Church is a registered charity under registration number 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5QQ.

Trustees' Expenses and Remuneration

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown within the accounts.

Related Charities

The custodian trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (charity number 249635), which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



M Bradley
Signed on 17/08/22 @ 13:31

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Revd. M Bradley

Trustee

Date:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

P A Stallard
Chartered Accountant

Lentells Limited
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Taunton
TA2 6BJ



PA Stallard
Countersigned on 17/08/22 @ 14:58

Dated:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes					
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	196,961	7,382	10,242	214,585	225,631
Charitable activities	4	379	-	-	379	686
Investments	5	427	-	-	427	573
Total income		<u>197,767</u>	<u>7,382</u>	<u>10,242</u>	<u>215,391</u>	<u>226,890</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	6	<u>130,326</u>	<u>11,968</u>	<u>48,108</u>	<u>190,402</u>	<u>210,802</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		67,441	(4,586)	(37,866)	24,989	16,088
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		67,441	(4,586)	(37,866)	24,989	16,088
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(36,862)</u>	<u>8,049</u>	<u>28,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		30,579	3,463	(9,053)	24,989	16,088
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		<u>83,414</u>	<u>14,510</u>	<u>241,558</u>	<u>339,482</u>	<u>323,394</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		<u><u>113,993</u></u>	<u><u>17,973</u></u>	<u><u>232,505</u></u>	<u><u>364,471</u></u>	<u><u>339,482</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes				
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	196,786	7,775	21,070	225,631
Charitable activities	4	686	-	-	686
Investments	5	573	-	-	573
Total income		198,045	7,775	21,070	226,890
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	6	132,908	15,196	62,698	210,802
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		65,137	(7,421)	(41,628)	16,088
Gross transfers between funds		(16,020)	(1,350)	17,370	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		49,117	(8,771)	(24,258)	16,088
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		34,297	23,281	265,816	323,394
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		83,414	14,510	241,558	339,482

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	17		38,170		24,497
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,848)		-	
Investment income received		427		573	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(4,421)		573
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			33,749		25,070
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			113,828		88,758
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			147,577		113,828

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		214,155		220,493
Current assets					
Debtors	11	9,462		9,702	
Cash at bank and in hand		147,577		113,828	
		157,039		123,530	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,723)		(4,541)	
Net current assets			150,316		118,989
Total assets less current liabilities			364,471		339,482
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13	232,505		241,558	
Unrestricted funds - designated		17,973		14,510	
Unrestricted funds - general		113,993		83,414	
		364,471		339,482	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on



M Bradley
Signed on 17/08/22 @ 13:31

Revd. M Bradley
Trustee



Jane Warden
Signed on 15/08/22 @ 11:28

J Warden
Trustee

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Church is a registered charity. The charity's registration number is 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset TA3 5QQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been designated for a particular purpose. These funds may be redesignated at the discretion of the church. An analysis of the unrestricted designated funds is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted Income funds are funds which are subject to specific trusts and objects. These comprise specific love gifts, amounts earmarked out of general giving specifically for Outreach and Mission, and the original amounts used for the re-building of the church building. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Lettings income is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is accounted for when it is receivable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation.

Other Charitable Expenditure

Expenditure that directly relates to a cost category is charged solely to that category. However, where expenditure relates to at least two such categories, the cost is apportioned as necessary. Expenditure is generally recognised when incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1% straight line (Improvements 5%)
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

The deacons believe the historic cost of the freehold property to be £250,000 as incurred between 1983 and 1985. This specifically excludes the historic cost of the land which was gifted in the 1860's and is certainly immaterial to these accounts.

The original cost of fixtures and equipment at 31 December 1999 was not known. It was not cost effective to value all of the related assets. Therefore, the cost at that date has been taken at its insurance value as per the September 1999 declaration as allowed by the Charities SORP. Fixtures and equipment purchased since that date have been capitalised at cost and subjected to depreciation as above.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Brookings Cottage and The Arches

Both of these properties are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust', and a separate return is made to the Charity Commission. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and gifts	196,961	7,382	10,242	214,585	196,786	7,775	21,070	225,631
Donations and gifts								
Offerings	151,963	-	-	151,963	148,304	-	-	148,304
Income tax recoverable	28,216	1	-	28,217	26,597	-	-	26,597
Love gifts	-	-	9,045	9,045	-	-	20,929	20,929
Other specified income	16,480	700	1,197	18,377	11,365	180	141	11,686
Outreach income	-	6,681	-	6,681	10	7,595	-	7,605
Gift from the Brookings Trust	-	-	-	-	10,010	-	-	10,010
Sundry receipts	302	-	-	302	500	-	-	500
	196,961	7,382	10,242	214,585	196,786	7,775	21,070	225,631

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Charitable rental income	379	686
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	379	
For the year ended 31 December 2020		
Unrestricted funds - general		686

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Interest receivable	427	573

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

6 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	68,007	63,681
Depreciation and impairment	11,068	15,349
Charitable Giving	49,739	63,086
Property expenditure	23,339	32,528
Church meetings and speaker expenses	5,270	5,122
Youth activities	2,522	3,160
	<u>159,945</u>	<u>182,926</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	30,457	27,876
	<u>190,402</u>	<u>210,802</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	130,326	
Unrestricted funds - designated	11,968	
Restricted funds	48,108	
	<u>190,402</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2020		
Unrestricted funds - general		132,908
Unrestricted funds - designated		15,196
Restricted funds		62,698
		<u>210,802</u>

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021 Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	21,841	-	21,841	21,493	21,493
Depreciation	118	-	118	118	118
Subscriptions	1,169	-	1,169	1,174	1,174
Bank charges	44	-	44	46	46
Catering costs	621	-	621	230	230
Office running costs	4,475	-	4,475	2,499	2,499
Other accountancy and payroll costs	-	-	-	756	756
Independent Examination	2,189	-	2,189	1,560	1,560
	<u>30,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,457</u>	<u>27,876</u>	<u>27,876</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>30,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,457</u>	<u>27,876</u>	<u>27,876</u>

8 Trustees

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown in the notes to the financial statements.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Administrative	3	3
Pastoral	2	2
Total	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

Employment costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	77,999	74,778
Social security costs	3,287	1,746
Other pension costs	8,562	8,650
	<u>89,848</u>	<u>85,174</u>

A defined contribution pension scheme is made available to all eligible employees. The employer cost of this scheme is shown above. The outstanding liability at the year end was £857 (2020: £845).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

9 Employees

(Continued)

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2021	300,831	158,417	459,248
Additions	-	4,848	4,848
	<u>300,831</u>	<u>163,265</u>	<u>464,096</u>
At 31 December 2021	300,831	163,265	464,096
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2021	97,661	141,094	238,755
Depreciation charged in the year	5,042	6,144	11,186
	<u>102,703</u>	<u>147,238</u>	<u>249,941</u>
At 31 December 2021	102,703	147,238	249,941
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2021	<u>198,128</u>	<u>16,027</u>	<u>214,155</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>203,170</u>	<u>17,323</u>	<u>220,493</u>

Generally, all of the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes, though some of the fixtures and equipment are used in the administration function and the church centre is periodically let when under used for other purposes.

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	5,000	5,000
Prepayments and accrued income	4,462	4,702
	<u>9,462</u>	<u>9,702</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	3,592	1,482
Accruals and deferred income	3,131	3,059
	<u>6,723</u>	<u>4,541</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Outreach Fund	10,724	-	-	(10,724)	-	-	-	-	-
Love Gifts & Mission Fund	7,218	20,929	(47,108)	28,094	9,133	9,044	(38,225)	28,813	8,765
Other Specified Fund	5,108	141	(1,717)	-	3,532	1,198	(291)	-	4,439
Church Property & Building Fund	238,766	-	(13,873)	-	224,893	-	(9,592)	-	215,301
New Wine Fund	4,000	-	-	-	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
	<u>265,816</u>	<u>21,070</u>	<u>(62,698)</u>	<u>17,370</u>	<u>241,558</u>	<u>10,242</u>	<u>(48,108)</u>	<u>28,813</u>	<u>232,505</u>

The Outreach and Mission Funds receive and disburse specified proportions of unspecified offerings received including tax recoverable. The proportions for the current year amounted to 3% for Outreach (2020: 2%) and 15% for Mission (2020: 15%).

The Love Gifts and Other Specified Fund receives and disburses specific gifts.

The Church Property and Building Fund relates to the funds used for the re-building and improvement of the church and the centre.

The New Wine fund and the Ilfracombe BC fund were created in 2019 for specific giving.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Youth Fund	1,793	-	-	-	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Contingency Fund	20,434	-	-	(20,434)	-	-	-	-	-
Fellowship Fund	-	180	(12)	-	168	684	(791)	-	61
Outreach Life Cafe	1,054	7,139	(11,015)	2,822	-	6,698	(8,984)	2,286	-
Outreach/Local Mission Fund	-	456	(4,169)	16,262	12,549	-	(2,193)	5,763	16,119
	<u>23,281</u>	<u>7,775</u>	<u>(15,196)</u>	<u>(1,350)</u>	<u>14,510</u>	<u>7,382</u>	<u>(11,968)</u>	<u>8,049</u>	<u>17,973</u>

The Youth Fund receives amounts given to support Youth activities and those families working with young people in the local community. The Special Mission fund is to help individuals with specific training and support.

The Fellowship Fund receives amounts from the General Fund for use in particular cases of need and hardship within the fellowship.

The Outreach Life Cafe was set up in 2016. Surplus funds generated are distributed to good causes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Designated Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Designated Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	5,062	368	208,725	214,155	332	1,844	218,317	220,493
Current assets/(liabilities)	108,931	17,605	23,780	150,316	83,082	12,666	23,241	118,989
	<u>113,993</u>	<u>17,973</u>	<u>232,505</u>	<u>364,471</u>	<u>83,414</u>	<u>14,510</u>	<u>241,558</u>	<u>339,482</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

16 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2021 £	2020 £
Aggregate compensation	65,468	60,879

Transactions with related parties

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Huffman, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown within the accounts.

17	Cash generated from operations	2021 £	2020 £
	Surplus for the year	24,989	16,088
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(427)	(573)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	11,186	15,467
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	240	(5,199)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	2,182	(1,286)
	Cash generated from operations	38,170	24,497

18 Analysis of changes in net funds

The church had no debt during the year.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

I Kelland
M Partridge
D Browse
S Barnes
J Medlock
Revd. M Bradley
J Warden
B Cavaghan
I Tremain

(Appointed 26 October
2020)

Charity number

1133944

Independent examiner

P A Stallard
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CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to advance the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. It also advances education and undertakes other charitable purposes in the UK and other parts of the world.

The activities undertaken include public worship, prayer, bible study, teaching, encouragement, education and pastoral care.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

Grant-making Policy

Grants are approved by the church meeting within the approval of the annual budget with any additional items voted by the same body during the year as the need arises.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Achievements and performance

Review of the Past Year

As for everyone, 2020 was an unprecedented year due to the pandemic.

At the beginning of the year, we continued with our outreach activities, including the successful Life Café, various groups for young people both within the church and from the wider local community, groups run within local primary and secondary schools, the HubBub group for older people etc. We also held weekly Sunday services, including children's work.

However, in March lockdown began and these groups had to stop meeting in person.

Starting immediately, our services moved online and thanks to the talents of various members these have been very well received, with growing numbers tuning in as the year went on, and more members becoming involved both onscreen and behind the scenes. These online services (via YouTube and Facebook) have been a successful form of outreach, and we have seen an increase in church membership, and an increase in interest from those seeking to know more about our faith.

Also immediately, all staff began working from home. They kept in regular online contact, allowing them to support each other and maintain the day-to-day running of the church. The member of staff appointed in the role of Creative Communications in 2019 proved invaluable in 2020, creating and editing imaginative and accessible online content, often involving church members, which greatly furthered the work of outreach even during lockdown, as well as enabling us to maintain our sense of church family.

Life Groups (smaller groups within the church who meet together for Bible study and mutual support and prayer) also moved online and increased in membership, including an increase in interest from those not previously part of Life Groups and in some cases not previously part of our church. This resulted in the creation of a new Life Group, to accommodate the increase in numbers.

Early into lockdown we established prayer and practical support via email and phone, enabling the church to pray for specific needs and to offer a shopping service for those shielding etc. Youth work moved online, with youth groups run via zoom for those willing and able to attend. These were run by the youth work team, and offered support and contact to young people.

Sunday morning children's work moved to Zoom, eventually running most weeks immediately before the Sunday morning services. These were run by our children's work team, and included sending out craft packs to families who registered for them, so that the children could do crafts 'together' and maintain important connections with the church family.

The successful annual Holiday Club, although unable to run in person, was run online. This included a week of livestreamed videos, and craft packs sent to each child registered, and was very popular. An Alpha Course was also run online via Zoom, allowing various people to ask questions about our faith and seek information and support from our church family.

During the temporary easing of restrictions in the summer, a covid-safe outdoor service was run successfully, with many households able to attend.

In September a church member attending Bristol Baptist College started a placement with us as a minister-in-training, participating in, and leading various online services such as prayer workshops, reflective services etc

Over Christmas, the Life Café opened an outdoor 'Winter Hut'. This was extremely popular with both church members and the wider community, establishing and renewing relationships and support that may have faltered during lockdown. The church was also able to donate a Christmas tree to the village, as we do each year. This year, as we were unable to hold a carol service, 6 people 'toured' the village (with a tree!), singing carols outside at an appropriate distance from houses. This was enthusiastically welcomed by the community. Christmas services were all online, and included a Christmas choir, with each singer and musician recorded individually and then edited together into a choir. This was extremely well-received as a way of conveying the Christian message of Christmas, locally, nationally and even internationally!

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Child Protection Policy

The Baptist Union 'Safe to Grow' Policy was affirmed by the members.

Financial review

The attached financial statements show the state of finances of the church and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income for the year of £11,088 after charging depreciation of £15,467.

The balance sheet shows an increase in net assets to £334,482. Of this figure, £66,207 now relates to the general fund, £12,706 relates to the designated funds and £255,569 relates to restricted funds for outreach, love gifts, mission, church property and building funds.

As pointed out at note 1.12, Brookings Cottage and The Arches are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust'. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

Reserves Policy

The church has adopted a minimum level of income reserves of three months of budgeted expenditure excluding restricted or designated expenditure. This reserve is adopted in order for the church to meet its financial obligations should there be a sudden reduction in its income. At the year end, the unrestricted net asset balance amounted to £66,207.

Investment powers and policy

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that sufficient cash is held to cover day to day expenses of the charity and the best returns available are achieved on surplus funds.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The church was established by Trust Deed and has a written constitution, last updated 19 May 2014.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

I Kelland

M Partridge

D Browse

J Metcalfe

(Resigned 1 June 2020)

D Woosley

(Resigned 1 June 2020)

S Barnes

J Medlock

Revd. M Bradley

J Warden

B Cavaghan

D Knight

(Resigned 1 October 2020)

I Tremain

(Appointed 26 October 2020)

The Trustees were appointed by the membership of the church in general meeting. Induction and training needs are provided for by other trustees and external guidance is sought when needed.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Church is a registered charity under registration number 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5QQ.

Trustees' Expenses and Remuneration

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Huffman, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown within the accounts.

Related Charities

The custodian trustee of the church is the Baptist Union Corporation Limited (charity number 249635), which is controlled by the Baptist Union Council. The church is also a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



MG Bradley
Signed on 27/07/21 @ 20:40

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Revd. M Bradley

Trustee

Dated:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church (the church) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



PA Stallard

Countersigned on 29/07/21 @ 12:32

P A Stallard

Dated:

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes					
<u>Income from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	196,786	7,775	21,070	225,631	277,510
Charitable activities	4	686	-	-	686	4,061
Investments	5	573	-	-	573	566
Total income		<u>198,045</u>	<u>7,775</u>	<u>21,070</u>	<u>226,890</u>	<u>282,137</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	6	<u>132,908</u>	<u>15,196</u>	<u>62,698</u>	<u>210,802</u>	<u>280,131</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		65,137	(7,421)	(41,628)	16,088	2,006
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		65,137	(7,421)	(41,628)	16,088	2,006
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(16,020)</u>	<u>(1,350)</u>	<u>17,370</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		49,117	(8,771)	(24,258)	16,088	2,006
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		<u>34,297</u>	<u>23,281</u>	<u>265,816</u>	<u>323,394</u>	<u>321,388</u>
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		<u><u>83,414</u></u>	<u><u>14,510</u></u>	<u><u>241,558</u></u>	<u><u>339,482</u></u>	<u><u>323,394</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds general 2019 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes				
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	209,680	24,357	43,473	277,510
Charitable activities	4	4,061	-	-	4,061
Investments	5	566	-	-	566
Total income		214,307	24,357	43,473	282,137
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	6	185,054	24,426	70,651	280,131
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		29,253	(69)	(27,178)	2,006
Gross transfers between funds		(38,994)	2,468	36,526	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		(9,741)	2,399	9,348	2,006
Fund balances at 1 January 2019		44,038	20,882	256,468	321,388
Fund balances at 31 December 2019		34,297	23,281	265,816	323,394

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		220,493		235,959
Current assets					
Debtors	11	9,702		4,504	
Cash at bank and in hand		113,828		88,758	
		<u>123,530</u>		<u>93,262</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(4,541)</u>		<u>(5,827)</u>	
Net current assets			118,989		87,435
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>339,482</u>		<u>323,394</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		241,558		265,816
Unrestricted funds - designated			14,510		23,281
Unrestricted funds - general			83,414		34,297
			<u>339,482</u>		<u>323,394</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on



M Bradley
Signed on 27/07/21 @ 20:40

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Revd. M Bradley
Trustee



Jane Warden
Signed on 29/07/21 @ 12:05

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J Warden
Trustee

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	17		24,497		13,064
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(37,215)	
Interest received		573		566	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			573		(36,649)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			25,070		(23,585)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			88,758		112,343
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			113,828		88,758

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Church is a registered charity. The charity's registration number is 1133944. The church address is Creech St Michael Baptist Church, Creech St Michael, Taunton, Somerset TA3 5QQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been designated for a particular purpose. These funds may be redesignated at the discretion of the church. An analysis of the unrestricted designated funds is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted Income funds are funds which are subject to specific trusts and objects. These comprise specific love gifts, amounts earmarked out of general giving specifically for Outreach and Mission, and the original amounts used for the re-building of the church building. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Lettings income is recognised when the rental is due.

Investment income is accounted for when it is receivable.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid or awarded, if the award creates a binding obligation.

Other Charitable Expenditure

Expenditure that directly relates to a cost category is charged solely to that category. However, where expenditure relates to at least two such categories, the cost is apportioned as necessary. Expenditure is generally recognised when incurred and is accounted for gross.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	1% straight line (Improvements 5%)
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

The deacons believe the historic cost of the freehold property to be £250,000 as incurred between 1983 and 1985. This specifically excludes the historic cost of the land which was gifted in the 1860's and is certainly immaterial to these accounts.

The original cost of fixtures and equipment at 31 December 1999 was not known. It was not cost effective to value all of the related assets. Therefore, the cost at that date has been taken at its insurance value as per the September 1999 declaration as allowed by the Charities SORP. Fixtures and equipment purchased since that date have been capitalised at cost and subjected to depreciation as above.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the church reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Financial instruments

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Brookings Cottage and The Arches

Both of these properties are held by a separate charity, the 'Brookings Trust', and a separate return is made to the Charity Commission. As such, all assets, liabilities, income and expenses of this charity are excluded from the accounts of Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds general 2019 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Donations and gifts	196,786	7,775	21,070	225,631	209,680	24,357	43,473	277,510
	196,786	7,775	21,070	225,631	209,680	24,357	43,473	277,510
Donations and gifts								
Offerings	148,304	-	-	148,304	153,479	-	-	153,479
Income tax recoverable	26,597	-	-	26,597	31,737	-	2,500	34,237
Love gifts	-	-	20,929	20,929	-	-	11,328	11,328
Other specified income	11,365	180	141	11,686	10,360	6,051	13,220	29,631
Outreach income	10	7,595	-	7,605	-	18,306	175	18,481
Gift from the Brookings Trust	10,010	-	-	10,010	13,455	-	-	13,455
Building fund receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,250	16,250
Sundry receipts	500	-	-	500	649	-	-	649
	196,786	7,775	21,070	225,631	209,680	24,357	43,473	277,510

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

4 Charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Charitable rental income	686	4,061
	<u>686</u>	<u>4,061</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	686	
	<u>686</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2019		
Unrestricted funds - general		4,061
		<u>4,061</u>

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds general 2019 £
Interest receivable	573	566
	<u>573</u>	<u>566</u>

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

6 Charitable activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs	63,681	96,001
Depreciation and impairment	15,349	12,338
Charitable Giving	63,086	82,738
Property expenditure	32,528	48,479
Church meetings and speaker expenses	5,122	7,253
Youth activities	3,160	5,197
	<u>182,926</u>	<u>252,006</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	27,876	28,125
	<u>210,802</u>	<u>280,131</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	132,908	
Unrestricted funds - designated	15,196	
Restricted funds	62,698	
	<u>210,802</u>	
For the year ended 31 December 2019		
Unrestricted funds - general		185,054
Unrestricted funds - designated		24,426
Restricted funds		70,651
		<u>280,131</u>

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2019 £
Staff costs	21,493	-	21,493	19,596	-	19,596
Depreciation	118	-	118	118	-	118
Subscriptions	1,174	-	1,174	1,823	-	1,823
Bank charges	46	-	46	66	-	66
Catering costs	230	-	230	1,618	-	1,618
Office running costs	2,499	-	2,499	2,788	-	2,788
Other accountancy and payroll costs	756	-	756	766	-	766
Independent Examination	1,560	-	1,560	1,350	-	1,350
	<u>27,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,876</u>	<u>28,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,125</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>27,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,876</u>	<u>28,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,125</u>

8 Trustees

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown in the notes to the financial statements.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Administrative	3	2
Pastoral	2	3
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

Employment costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	74,778	98,314
Social security costs	1,746	4,851
Other pension costs	8,650	12,432
	<u>85,174</u>	<u>115,597</u>

A defined contribution pension scheme is made available to all eligible employees. The employer cost of this scheme is shown above. The outstanding liability at the year end was £845 (2019: £610).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2020	300,831	158,417	459,248
At 31 December 2020	<u>300,831</u>	<u>158,417</u>	<u>459,248</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2020	92,619	130,669	223,288
Depreciation charged in the year	5,042	10,425	15,467
At 31 December 2020	<u>97,661</u>	<u>141,094</u>	<u>238,755</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2020	<u>203,170</u>	<u>17,323</u>	<u>220,493</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>208,212</u>	<u>27,747</u>	<u>235,959</u>

Generally, all of the fixed assets are used for charitable purposes, though some of the fixtures and equipment are used in the administration function and the church centre is periodically let when under used for other purposes.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

11 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	(1)	2
Other debtors	5,000	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,703	4,502
	<u>9,702</u>	<u>4,504</u>
	<u><u>9,702</u></u>	<u><u>4,504</u></u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,482	1,798
Trade creditors	-	643
Accruals and deferred income	3,059	3,386
	<u>4,541</u>	<u>5,827</u>
	<u><u>4,541</u></u>	<u><u>5,827</u></u>

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2020 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
Outreach Fund	11,765	175	(5,102)	3,886	10,724	-	-	(10,724)	-
Love Gifts & Mission Fund	8,149	5,406	(38,977)	32,640	7,218	20,929	(47,108)	28,094	9,133
Other Specified Fund	3,176	5,142	(3,210)	-	5,108	141	(1,717)	-	3,532
Church Property & Building Fund	233,378	16,250	(10,862)	-	238,766	-	(13,873)	-	224,893
New Wine Fund	-	4,000	-	-	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Ilfracombe BC Fund	-	12,500	(12,500)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	256,468	43,473	(70,651)	36,526	265,816	21,070	(62,698)	17,370	241,558

The Outreach and Mission Funds receive and disburse specified proportions of unspecified offerings received including tax recoverable. The proportions for the current year amounted to 3% for Outreach (2019: 2%) and 15% for Mission (2019: 15%).

The Love Gifts and Other Specified Fund receives and disburses specific gifts.

The Church Property and Building Fund relates to the funds used for the re-building and improvement of the church and the centre.

The New Wine fund and the Ilfracombe BC fund were created in 2019 for specific giving.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

14 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2020 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
Youth Fund	1,793	-	-	-	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Contingency Fund	18,491	-	-	1,943	20,434	-	-	(20,434)	-
Fellowship Fund	-	1,051	(1,576)	525	-	180	(12)	-	168
Outreach Life Cafe	598	18,306	(17,850)	-	1,054	7,139	(11,015)	2,822	-
Special Missions Fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outreach/Local Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	-	456	(4,169)	16,262	12,549
	<u>20,882</u>	<u>24,357</u>	<u>(24,426)</u>	<u>2,468</u>	<u>23,281</u>	<u>7,775</u>	<u>(15,196)</u>	<u>(1,350)</u>	<u>14,510</u>

The Youth Fund receives amounts given to support Youth activities and those families working with young people in the local community. The Special Mission fund is to help individuals with specific training and support.

The Fellowship Fund receives amounts from the General Fund for use in particular cases of need and hardship within the fellowship.

The Outreach Life Cafe was set up in 2016. Surplus funds generated are distributed to good causes.

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

15 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted Funds		Unrestricted Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Unrestricted Designated Funds		Restricted Funds		Total		Restricted Funds		Total	
	2020	£	2020	£	2020	£	2019	£	2019	£	2019	£	2020	£	2019	£	2019	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:																		
Tangible assets	332		1,844		218,317		450		3,320		232,189		220,493		235,959		235,959	
Current assets/(liabilities)	70,875		10,862		37,252		33,847		19,961		33,627		118,989		87,435		87,435	
	<u>71,207</u>		<u>12,706</u>		<u>255,569</u>		<u>34,297</u>		<u>23,281</u>		<u>265,816</u>		<u>339,482</u>		<u>323,394</u>		<u>323,394</u>	

CREECH ST MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

16 Related party transactions

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2020 £	2019 £
Aggregate compensation	60,879	89,872

Transactions with related parties

In the current year and the previous year, no remuneration or expenses were paid to the Trustees in their capacity as charity Trustees. However, Revd Huffman, Revd Bradley, Mr Partridge and Mrs Warden all received remuneration for other aspects of their church duties. Remuneration paid to these individuals is shown within the accounts.

17	Cash generated from operations	2020 £	2019 £
	Surplus for the year	16,088	2,006
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(573)	(566)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	15,467	12,456
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(5,199)	213
	(Decrease) in creditors	(1,286)	(1,045)
	Cash generated from operations	24,497	13,064

18 Analysis of changes in net funds

The church had no debt during the year.