

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1134107

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-02-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith as stated in Schedule 1. The charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

Activities: Local Church and congregation of Baptist persuasion. We are involved in reaching out to the local community through gospel work to children and adults. The church meets for worship twice on Sunday, and on a Thursday evening. There are a number of clubs operating from the Church on a weekly basis. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£147,735	£166,033	-	-
2024-03-31	£149,125	£162,108	-	-
2023-03-31	£153,042	£147,548	-	-
2022-03-31	£213,567	£123,052	-	-
2021-03-31	£124,727	£108,566	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Balraj Rai		2026-01-01
DR IAN DAVID COX		2014-07-28
Dr Benjamin Alexis Charles Fisher		2017-11-29
Henry Konde		2024-01-01
Jonathan David Gayton		2017-11-29
Mark James Cave		2018-05-21
Stephen John Berry		2025-01-01
Timothy Michael Crump		2014-01-12

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DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

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DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details

The Church is a Registered Charity no. 1134107. The registered address is: Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 4AD. The charity trustees for the purpose of these accounts comprise the Elders and Deacons of the Church. The trustees are as follows:

Mr Jonathan Gayton (Elder & Secretary)	Peter Bradley (Deacon)
Mr Timothy Crump (Deacon & Treasurer)	Dr Benjamin Fisher (Elder)
Dr Ian Cox (Deacon)	Mr Mark Cave (Deacon)
Mr Dhanesh Lakha (Deacon)(resigned 14/4/24)	Mr Henry Konde (Deacon)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is constituted as an independent church, and the governing document is a Trust Deed. The Pastor, Elders and Deacons are elected by the Church Meeting, and are responsible for leadership of the church.

Objectives and Activities

The Church's aims are to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to edify the congregation through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, the circulation of good Christian literature, and the support of missionary endeavour at home and abroad. We continue to uphold the Bible and the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith which are consistent with the Charity's Trust Deeds. We believe that the society around us would be better if the Bible was believed and practised in the community.

Achievements and Performance

Our regular activities include two Sunday services and a midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. We continue to have a Sunday School, which is well attended. We also run a young people's meeting during the week. Our minibus goes around the local estates offering to pick up children for the youth meeting and for Sunday School. During term time we have a weekly Mother and Toddler group. This reaches many mothers who would not normally go to church. We particularly encourage non-churchgoers to join us. We have a weekly Coffee Morning, which is well attended by elderly members and others who could attend during the day. We take Christian services in a local Nursing Home monthly. Pastoring the needy folk who come to the Church is a constant part of our ministry.

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (Cont.)

Achievements and Performance (continued)

We continue to support many missionaries in various parts of the world. Our World Mission Project is a constant means of support to many desperate situations in the world. We take up special offerings on a regular basis for crisis locations. This is extra to our normal Autumn and Christmas offerings.

The Church and congregation is ethnically diverse, and the Church has maintained a membership of around 86, though the regular Sunday congregation is much larger than this.

Our Child Protection policy is regularly updated. Numerous volunteers faithfully give of their time to work in the church. We have obtained DBS checks on most of those on our list of approved workers with children and vulnerable adults, including on all the trustees and the Pastor. Those volunteers who have not received a DBS check are supervised by a DBS-checked person while with children or vulnerable adults. We also have a Data Protection policy in line with current GDPR legislation.

In carrying out its activities in the year under review, the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and are satisfied that the activities mentioned above have all been for the public benefit.

Financial Review

Funds were used to pay visiting preachers' expenses, to pay for the maintenance and running of the Church, to support Missionary organisations, to provide literature and to fund various outreach events.

As shown in the Receipts & Payments account on page 4, there was a net deficit of £18,298 overall (2024 deficit £12,983). The state of the financial affairs of the church is considered to be satisfactory. The Trustees regularly review the reserves of the Church, to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available to meet ongoing obligations.

On behalf of the Trustees

I Cox
Trustee

Date: _____

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Incoming Resources	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	2025 Total £	2024 <u>Total</u> £
<u>Voluntary income</u>					
Offerings		100,438	14,195	114,633	111,744
Tax Refunds		15,619	1,685	17,304	18,633
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Other sales and receipts		-	-	-	4,277
<u>Investment income</u>					
Bank interest & Dividends		4,098	-	4,098	4,271
Rent received		11,700	-	11,700	10,200
Total incoming resources		<u>131,855</u>	<u>15,880</u>	<u>147,735</u>	<u>149,125</u>
Resources expended					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Employee costs	2	71,534	-	71,534	75,046
Utilities		9,348	-	9,348	8,638
Insurance		3,249	-	3,249	4,900
Minibus costs		4,269	-	4,269	4,737
Visiting preachers		2,175	-	2,175	2,170
Sunday School & Young people		7,081	-	7,081	4,950
Outreach		3,446	-	3,446	2,865
Repairs & replacements		9,372	-	9,372	10,697
Printing & Postage		1,956	-	1,956	1,608
Missionary support		24,010	23,640	47,650	24,421
Governance costs		538	-	538	1,760
Church retreat		3,268	-	3,268	6,157
Other costs		2,148	-	2,148	1,211
		<u>142,393</u>	<u>23,640</u>	<u>166,033</u>	<u>149,160</u>
Capital purchases		-	-	-	12,948
Total Resources Expended		<u>142,393</u>	<u>23,640</u>	<u>166,033</u>	<u>162,108</u>
Net Movement of Resources in the Year		(10,538)	(7,760)	(18,298)	(12,983)
Transfer between funds		(376)	376	-	-
		<u>(10,914)</u>	<u>(7,384)</u>	<u>(18,298)</u>	<u>(12,983)</u>
Cash balances brought forward		152,196	7,384	159,580	172,563
Cash balances carried forward		<u>141,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,282</u>	<u>159,580</u>

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these financial statements.

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds £</u>	<u>2025 Total £</u>	<u>2024 Total £</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank & in hand:				
Current Account	28,116	-	28,116	25,566
Tracker Account	29,199	-	29,199	117,632
Mission Account	-	2,634	2,634	10,394
Gift Aid Account	950	-	950	5,266
Dudley Building Society Fixed Bond	80,000	-	80,000	-
Grace Baptist Charities Account	383	-	383	722
Interfund Account	2,634	(2,634)	-	-
Total Cash balances	<hr/> 141,282	-	141,282	159,580
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Investec (Rensburg Sheppard) a/c	85,161	-	85,161	84,972
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/> 226,443	-	226,443	244,552
LESS: CREDITORS:				
Due within one year	525	-	525	500
NET ASSETS	<hr/> <hr/> 225,918	-	225,918	<hr/> <hr/> 244,052

Other assets for which no valuation is available (see note 1)

The Chapel building

The Manse

Minibus and miscellaneous equipment

Approved by the trustees on _____

I Cox, Trustee_____
T Crump, Treasurer

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DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****1. Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Church's Financial Statements.

(a) Accounting Convention.

The Financial Statements are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention. Because the Church's income is under £250,000 the accounts are now prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, to avoid the need to comply with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

(b) Income.

Donations represent cash received during the year, including tax repayments received. Charitable Activities Income comprises the sale of Christian books and similar items. Investment income comprises interest received and rental income.

(c) Expenditure

Charitable Activities Expenditure comprises all expenditure directly related to the Church's objects.

Governance costs are costs incurred in complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(c) Fixed assets and depreciation

The Chapel building is a historic asset. No valuation statement is included in the accounts as significant costs are involved in obtaining such a valuation, which are onerous compared with the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, other fixed assets (the manse, church minibus and miscellaneous equipment) are also not shown in these accounts.

2. Employee costs	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	2025 <u>Total</u> £	2024 <u>Total</u> £
Gross salaries & Employers NIC	66,399	-	66,399	69,233
Pension Costs	5,135	-	5,135	5,813
	<u>71,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,534</u>	<u>75,046</u>

The average number of people employed by the church in the year was 3 (2024: 3). No employee earned £60,000 or more in the year.

3. Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration in the year (2024: £nil).

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont.)****4. Funds**

The Unrestricted Fund is the General Fund, used for the general purposes of the Church.

The Restricted Funds for the year were as follows:

	<u>Bal b/f</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Bal c/f</u>
Missionary Offerings Fund	7,384	15,880	(23,640)	376	-
	<u>7,384</u>	<u>15,880</u>	<u>(23,640)</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>-</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 44(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

D C S Cooke MA (Oxon) FCA FCIE
David Cooke & Co
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Banbury OX16 9DS

Date: _____

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On behalf of the Trustees

I Cox
Trustee

Date: _____

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Incoming Resources	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	2024 Total £	2023 <u>Total</u> £
<u>Voluntary income</u>					
Offerings		102,267	9,477	111,744	116,833
Tax Refunds		16,409	2,224	18,633	19,139
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Other sales and receipts		4,277	-	4,277	6,021
<u>Investment income</u>					
Bank interest & Dividends		4,271	-	4,271	2,649
Rent received		10,200	-	10,200	8,400
Total incoming resources		<u>137,424</u>	<u>11,701</u>	<u>149,125</u>	<u>153,042</u>
Resources expended					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Employee costs	2	75,046	-	75,046	62,091
Utilities		8,638	-	8,638	6,491
Insurance		4,900	-	4,900	-
Minibus costs		4,737	-	4,737	2,064
Visiting preachers		2,170	-	2,170	3,051
Sunday School & Young people		4,950	-	4,950	3,114
Outreach		2,865	-	2,865	1,560
Repairs & replacements		10,697	-	10,697	11,061
Printing & Postage		1,608	-	1,608	2,224
Missionary support		16,219	8,202	24,421	39,684
Governance costs		1,760	-	1,760	1,834
Church retreat		6,157	-	6,157	7,253
Ministry training		-	-	-	4,050
Other costs		1,211	-	1,211	1,357
		<u>140,958</u>	<u>8,202</u>	<u>149,160</u>	<u>145,834</u>
Capital purchases		12,948	-	12,948	1,714
Total Resources Expended		<u>153,906</u>	<u>8,202</u>	<u>162,108</u>	<u>147,548</u>
Net Movement of Resources in the Year		(16,482)	3,499	(12,983)	5,494
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
		<u>(16,482)</u>	<u>3,499</u>	<u>(12,983)</u>	<u>5,494</u>
Cash balances brought forward		168,678	3,885	172,563	167,069
Cash balances carried forward		<u>152,196</u>	<u>7,384</u>	<u>159,580</u>	<u>172,563</u>

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DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

<u>Note</u>	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u> <u>£</u>	Restricted <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	2024 Total £	2023 <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank & in hand:				
Current Account	25,566	-	25,566	42,084
Tracker Account	117,632	-	117,632	126,172
Mission Account	3,010	7,384	10,394	3,885
Gift Aid Account	5,266	-	5,266	-
Grace Baptist Charities Account	722	-	722	422
Total Cash balances	152,196	7,384	159,580	172,563
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Investec (Rensburg Sheppard) a/c	84,972	-	84,972	81,546
TOTAL ASSETS	237,168	7,384	244,552	254,109
LESS: CREDITORS:				
Due within one year	500	-	500	500
NET ASSETS	236,668	7,384	244,052	253,609

Other assets for which no valuation is available (see note 1)

The Chapel building

The Manse

Minibus and miscellaneous equipment

Approved by the trustees on _____

I Cox, Trustee_____
T Crump, Treasurer

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2. Employee costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Gross salaries & Employers NIC	69,233	-	69,233	57,417
Pension Costs	5,813	-	5,813	4,674
	<u>75,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,046</u>	<u>62,091</u>

The average number of people employed by the church in the year was 3 (2023: 3). No employee earned £60,000 or more in the year.

3. Trustees

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DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (cont.)****4. Funds**

The Unrestricted Fund is the General Fund, used for the general purposes of the Church.

The Restricted Funds for the year were as follows:

	<u>Bal b/f</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Bal c/f</u>
Missionary Offerings Fund	3,885	11,701	(8,202)	-	7,384
	<u>3,885</u>	<u>11,701</u>	<u>(8,202)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,384</u>

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- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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D C S Cooke MA (Oxon) FCA FCIE

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5 Briar Close

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Date: 21/01/2025

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Mr Andrew Shanks retired as a trustee on 31st December 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is constituted as an independent church, and the governing document is a Trust Deed. The Pastor, Elders and Deacons are elected by the Church Meeting, and are responsible for leadership of the church.

Objectives and Activities

The Church's aims are to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to edify the congregation through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, the circulation of good Christian literature, and the support of missionary endeavour at home and abroad. We continue to uphold the Bible and the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith which are consistent with the Charity's Trust Deeds. We believe that the society around us would be better if the Bible was believed and practised in the community.

Achievements and Performance

We have two Sunday services and a midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. We also have a Preachers' Class for training of current and prospective speakers, and a Young Men's Bible Study group. This year we have recruited a Women's Worker, who is employed for two days per week starting on 1 January 2023.

We continue to have a Sunday School, which is well attended. We expect the numbers to return to pre-Covid levels as confidence increases. We also run a young people's meeting during the week. Our minibuses go around the local estates offering to pick up children for the youth

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (Cont.)****Achievements and Performance (continued)**

meeting and for Sunday School. During term time we have a weekly Mother and Toddler group. This reaches many mothers who would not normally go to church. We particularly encourage non-churchgoers to join us. We have a weekly Coffee Morning, which is well attended by elderly members and others who can attend during the day. We take Christian services in a local Nursing Home monthly. Pastoring the needy folk who come to the Church is a constant part of our ministry.

We continue to support many missionaries in various parts of the world. Our World Mission Project is a constant means of support to many desperate situations in the world. We take up special offerings on a regular basis for crisis locations. This is extra to our normal Autumn and Christmas offerings. The Church and congregation is ethnically diverse, and the Church has maintained a membership of around 86, though the regular Sunday congregation is much larger than this.

Our Child Protection policy is regularly updated. Numerous volunteers faithfully give of their time to work in the church. We have obtained DBS checks on most of those on our list of approved workers with children and vulnerable adults, including on all the trustees and the Pastor. Those volunteers who have not received a DBS check are supervised by a DBS-checked person while with children or vulnerable adults. We also have a Data Protection policy in line with current GDPR legislation.

In carrying out its activities in the year under review, the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and are satisfied that the activities mentioned above have all been for the public benefit.

Financial Review

Funds were used to pay visiting preachers' expenses, to pay for the maintenance and running of the Church, to support Missionary organisations, to provide literature and to fund various outreach events.

As shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 4, there was a net surplus of £5,494 (2022: surplus £10,965). The state of the financial affairs of the church is considered to be satisfactory. The Trustees regularly review the reserves of the Church, to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available to meet ongoing obligations.

On behalf of the Trustees

I Cox

Trustee

Date: 24 January 2024

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Incoming Resources	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds £</u>	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<u>Voluntary income</u>					
Offerings		97,887	18,946	116,833	118,112
Tax Refunds		15,555	3,584	19,139	12,690
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Other sales and receipts		6,021	-	6,021	6,020
Legacy		-	-	-	65,949
<u>Investment income</u>					
Bank interest & Dividends		2,649	-	2,649	2,646
Rent received		8,400	-	8,400	8,150
Total incoming resources		130,512	22,530	153,042	213,567
Resources expended					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Employee costs	2	62,091	-	62,091	54,210
Utilities		6,491	-	6,491	4,002
Insurance		-	-	-	2,738
Minibus costs		2,064	-	2,064	1,700
Visiting preachers		3,051	-	3,051	1,290
Sunday School & Young people		3,114	-	3,114	1,728
Outreach		1,560	-	1,560	891
Repairs & replacements		11,061	-	11,061	4,662
Printing & Postage		2,224	-	2,224	1,692
Missionary support		20,074	19,610	39,684	38,894
Governance costs		1,834	-	1,834	955
Church retreat		7,253	-	7,253	5,942
Ministry training		4,050	-	4,050	2,650
Other costs		1,357	-	1,357	1,698
		126,224	19,610	145,834	123,052
Capital purchases		1,714	-	1,714	79,550
Total Resources Expended		127,938	19,610	147,548	202,602
Net Movement of Resources in the Year		2,574	2,920	5,494	10,965
Transfer between funds		1,419	(1,419)	-	-
		3,993	1,501	5,494	10,965
Cash balances brought forward		164,685	2,384	167,069	156,104
Cash balances carried forward		168,678	3,885	172,563	167,069

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these financial statements.

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds £</u>	<u>2023 Total £</u>	<u>2022 Total £</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank & in hand:				
Current Account	42,084	-	42,084	30,537
Tracker Account	126,172	-	126,172	125,897
Mission Account	-	3,885	3,885	2,384
Gift Aid Account	-	-	-	7,909
Grace Baptist Charities Account	422	-	422	342
Total Cash balances	<hr/> 168,678	3,885	172,563	167,069
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Investec (Rensburg Sheppard) a/c	81,546	-	81,546	89,106
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/> 250,224	3,885	254,109	256,175
LESS: CREDITORS:				
Due within one year	500	-	500	500
NET ASSETS	<hr/> <hr/> 249,724	3,885	253,609	<hr/> <hr/> 255,675

Other assets for which no valuation is available (see note 1)

The Chapel building

The Manse

Minibus and miscellaneous equipment

Approved by the trustees on 21 December 2023

I Cox, Trustee

T Crump, Treasurer

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these financial statements.

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****1. Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Church's Financial Statements.

(a) Accounting Convention.

The Financial Statements are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention. Because the Church's income is under £250,000 the accounts are now prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, to avoid the need to comply with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

(b) Income.

Donations represent cash received during the year, including tax repayments received. Charitable Activities Income comprises the sale of Christian books and similar items. Investment income comprises interest received and rental income.

(c) Expenditure

Charitable Activities Expenditure comprises all expenditure directly related to the Church's objects.

Governance costs are costs incurred in complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(c) Fixed assets and depreciation

The Chapel building is a historic asset. No valuation statement is included in the accounts as significant costs are involved in obtaining such a valuation, which are onerous compared with the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, other fixed assets (the manse, church minibus and miscellaneous equipment) are also not shown in these accounts.

2. Employee costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Gross salaries & Employers NIC	57,417	-	57,417	49,813
Pension Costs	4,674	-	4,674	4,397
	<u>62,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,091</u>	<u>54,210</u>

The average number of people employed by the church in the year was 2 (2022: 2). No employee earned £60,000 or more in the year.

3. Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration in the year (2022: £nil).

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont.)****4. Funds**

The Unrestricted Fund is the General Fund, used for the general purposes of the Church.

The Restricted Funds for the year were as follows:

	<u>Bal b/f</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Bal c/f</u>
Missionary Offerings Fund	2,384	22,530	(19,610)	(1,419)	3,885
	<u>2,384</u>	<u>22,530</u>	<u>(19,610)</u>	<u>- 1,419</u>	<u>3,885</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 44(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Date: 21 December 2023

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DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Reference and Administrative Details

The Church is a Registered Charity no. 1134107. The registered address is: Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 4AD. The charity trustees for the purpose of these accounts comprise the Elders and Deacons of the Church. The trustees are as follows:

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Objectives and Activities

The Church's aims are to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to edify the congregation through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, the circulation of good Christian literature, and the support of missionary endeavour at home and abroad. We continue to uphold the Bible and the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith which are consistent with the Charity's Trust Deeds. We believe that the society around us would be better if the Bible was believed and practised in the community.

Achievements and Performance

This year, we have moved online activities back to face-to-face meetings at the church, after the end of the coronavirus crisis. These include two Sunday services and a midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Not all activities have resumed; they are still under review. However we have newly introduced a Preachers' Class for training of current and prospective speakers, and a Young Men's Bible Study group.

We continue to have a Sunday School, which is well attended. We expect the numbers to return to pre-Covid levels as confidence increases. We also run a young people's meeting during the week. Our minibus goes around the local estates offering to pick up children for the youth

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (Cont.)****Achievements and Performance (continued)**

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In carrying out its activities in the year under review, the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and are satisfied that the activities mentioned above have all been for the public benefit.

Financial Review

Funds were used to pay visiting preachers' expenses, to pay for the maintenance and running of the Church, to support Missionary organisations, to provide literature and to fund various outreach events.

As shown in the Receipts & Payments account on page 4, there was a net surplus of £10,965 overall (2021: surplus £16,161). The state of the financial affairs of the church is considered to be satisfactory. The Trustees regularly review the reserves of the Church, to ensure that sufficient liquid funds are available to meet ongoing obligations.

On behalf of the Trustees

I Cox

Trustee

Date: 2 December 2022

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Incoming Resources	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> £	2022 Total £	2021 <u>Total</u> £
<u>Voluntary income</u>					
Offerings		97,133	20,979	118,112	91,151
Tax Refunds		11,780	910	12,690	13,092
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Other sales and receipts		6,020	-	6,020	-
Legacy		65,949	-	65,949	10,000
<u>Investment income</u>					
Bank interest & Dividends		2,646	-	2,646	2,684
Rent received		8,150	-	8,150	7,800
Total incoming resources		<u>191,678</u>	<u>21,889</u>	213,567	<u>124,727</u>
Resources expended					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Employee costs	2	54,210	-	54,210	52,801
Utilities		4,002	-	4,002	5,883
Insurance		2,738	-	2,738	2,652
Minibus costs		1,700	-	1,700	2,899
Visiting preachers		1,290	-	1,290	-
Sunday School & Young people		1,728	-	1,728	237
Outreach		891	-	891	704
Repairs & replacements		4,662	-	4,662	4,842
Printing & Postage		1,692	-	1,692	2,301
Missionary support		18,245	20,649	38,894	30,471
Governance costs		955	-	955	870
Church retreat		5,942	-	5,942	-
Ministry training		2,650	-	2,650	3,850
Other costs		1,698	-	1,698	1,081
		<u>102,403</u>	<u>20,649</u>	123,052	<u>108,566</u>
Capital purchases		79,550	-	79,550	-
Total Resources Expended		<u>181,953</u>	<u>20,649</u>	202,602	<u>108,566</u>
Net Movement of Resources in the Year		9,725	1,240	10,965	16,161
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
		<u>9,725</u>	<u>1,240</u>	10,965	<u>16,161</u>
Cash balances brought forward		154,960	1,144	156,104	139,943
Cash balances carried forward		<u>164,685</u>	<u>2,384</u>	167,069	<u>156,104</u>

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these financial statements.

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

<u>Note</u>	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u> £	Restricted <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> £	2021 <u>Total</u> £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank & in hand:				
Current Account	30,537	-	30,537	49,333
Tracker Account	125,897	-	125,897	100,888
Mission Account	-	2,384	2,384	1,144
Gift Aid Account	7,909	-	7,909	4,102
Grace Baptist Charities Account	342	-	342	637
Total Cash balances	<hr/> 164,685	2,384	167,069	156,104
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Investec (Rensburg Sheppard) a/c	89,106	-	89,106	85,439
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/> 253,791	2,384	256,175	241,543
LESS: CREDITORS:				
Due within one year	500	-	500	450
NET ASSETS	<hr/> <hr/> 253,291	2,384	255,675	<hr/> <hr/> 241,093

Other assets for which no valuation is available (see note 1)

The Chapel building

The Manse

Minibus and miscellaneous equipment

Approved by the trustees on 2 December 2022

 I Cox, Trustee

 T Crump, Treasurer

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these financial statements.

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022****1. Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Church's Financial Statements.

(a) Accounting Convention.

The Financial Statements are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention. Because the Church's income is under £250,000 the accounts are now prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, to avoid the need to comply with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

(b) Income.

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The Chapel building is a historic asset. No valuation statement is included in the accounts as significant costs are involved in obtaining such a valuation, which are onerous compared with the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, other fixed assets (the manse, church minibus and miscellaneous equipment) are also not shown in these accounts.

2. Employee costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Gross salaries & Employers NIC	49,813	-	49,813	48,459
Pension Costs	4,397	-	4,397	4,342
	<u>54,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,210</u>	<u>52,801</u>

The average number of people employed by the church in the year was 2 (2021: 2). No employee earned £60,000 or more in the year.

3. Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration in the year (2021: £nil).

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont.)****4. Funds**

The Unrestricted Fund is the General Fund, used for the general purposes of the Church.

The Restricted Funds for the year were as follows:

	<u>Bal b/f</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Bal c/f</u>
Missionary Offerings Fund	1,144	21,889	(20,649)	-	2,384
	<u>1,144</u>	<u>21,889</u>	<u>(20,649)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,384</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
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- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Achievements and Performance

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused the Church to concentrate on its core activities. Meetings that had been previously well attended, such as the Coffee Morning, English classes, Student Café, Mums & Tods, nursing homes and open air services, had to be temporarily discontinued. Our minibuses were no longer used to transport young people from the local estates. However, concentrating on a smaller number of activities provided us with opportunities to develop new ways to conduct our weekly services, young peoples' meetings and church government. Sunday services and midweek Bible studies were streamed via our website, often when unable to meet in person. When we were allowed to meet, we practiced social distancing wearing masks as required. Sunday School continued via weekly videos which were produced by many individuals within our Church membership. A young peoples' meeting continued via conference calls, using puzzles, games and other media. Church officers met via Zoom to conduct the business of the church.

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (Cont.)

Achievements and Performance (continued)

Pastoring the Church continued by telephone, letters and cards. Sometimes visitors to homes were allowed to meet outside or speak through a window. Thus Church unity and members' spiritual well-being was preserved.

We continue to support many missionaries in various parts of the world. Regular missionary giving from Church funds is a constant means of support to many desperate situations in the world. We take up special offerings for crisis locations. This is extra to our normal Autumn and Christmas offerings. During the pandemic, our members maintain financial giving by cheque or bank transfer. The Church and congregation is ethnically diverse, and the Church has a membership of 83.

Our Child Protection policy is regularly updated. Numerous volunteers faithfully give of their time to work in the church, subject to the coronavirus restrictions. We have obtained DBS checks on most of those on our list of approved workers with children and vulnerable adults, including on all the trustees and the Pastor. Those volunteers who have not received a DBS check are supervised by a DBS-checked person while with children or vulnerable adults. We also have a Data Protection policy in line with current GDPR legislation.

In carrying out its activities in the year under review, the Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and are satisfied that the activities mentioned above have all been for the public benefit.

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On behalf of the Trustees

I Cox
Trustee

Date: 13 January 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 44(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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13 January 2022

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Incoming Resources	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	2021 Total £	2020 <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
<u>Voluntary income</u>					
Offerings		80,308	10,843	91,151	102,477
Tax Refunds		11,189	1,903	13,092	15,137
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Other sales and receipts		-	-	-	4,939
Legacy		10,000	-	10,000	-
<u>Investment income</u>					
Bank interest & Dividends		2,684	-	2,684	3,536
Rent received		7,800	-	7,800	7,800
Total incoming resources		111,981	12,746	124,727	133,889
Resources expended					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Employee costs	2	52,801	-	52,801	54,282
Utilities		5,883	-	5,883	7,503
Insurance		2,652	-	2,652	2,742
Minibus costs		2,899	-	2,899	4,946
Visiting preachers		(25)	-	(25)	2,150
Sunday School & Young people		237	-	237	3,877
Outreach		704	-	704	2,623
Repairs & replacements		4,842	-	4,842	11,476
Printing & Postage		2,301	-	2,301	2,145
Missionary support		18,816	11,655	30,471	36,637
Governance costs		870	-	870	633
Church retreat		-	-	-	6,770
Ministry training		3,850	-	3,850	3,000
Other costs		1,081	-	1,081	2,018
Total Resources Expended		96,911	11,655	108,566	140,802
Net Movement of Resources in the Year		15,070	1,091	16,161	(6,913)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
		15,070	1,091	16,161	(6,913)
Cash balances brought forward		139,890	53	139,943	146,856
Cash balances carried forward		154,960	1,144	156,104	139,943

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these financial statements.

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

<u>Note</u>	Unrestricted <u>Fund</u> <u>£</u>	Restricted <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	2021 Total £	2020 <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Bank & in hand:				
Current Account	49,333	-	49,333	36,566
Tracker Account	100,888	-	100,888	100,802
Mission Account	-	1,144	1,144	53
Gift Aid Account	4,102	-	4,102	2,031
Grace Baptist Charities Account	637	-	637	491
Total Cash balances	154,960	1,144	156,104	139,943
INVESTMENT ASSETS				
Investec (Rensburg Sheppard) a/c	85,439	-	85,439	70,974
TOTAL ASSETS	240,399	1,144	241,543	210,917
LESS: CREDITORS:				
Due within one year	450	-	450	1,482
NET ASSETS	239,949	1,144	241,093	209,435

Other assets for which no valuation is available (see note 1)

The Chapel building

The Manse

Minibus and miscellaneous equipment

Approved by the trustees on 13 January 2022

I Cox, Trustee_____
T Crump, Treasurer

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DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021****1. Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Church's Financial Statements.

(a) Accounting Convention.

The Financial Statements are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention. Because the Church's income is under £250,000 the accounts are now prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, to avoid the need to comply with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

(b) Income.

Donations represent cash received during the year, including tax repayments received. Charitable Activities Income comprises the sale of Christian books and similar items. Investment income comprises interest received and rental income.

(c) Expenditure

Charitable Activities Expenditure comprises all expenditure directly related to the Church's objects.

Governance costs are costs incurred in complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(c) Fixed assets and depreciation

The Chapel building is a historic asset. No valuation statement is included in the accounts as significant costs are involved in obtaining such a valuation, which are onerous compared with the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts in assessing the trustees' stewardship of the assets.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, other fixed assets (the manse, church minibus and miscellaneous equipment) are also not shown in these accounts.

2. Employee costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Gross salaries & Employers NIC	48,459	-	48,459	49,818
Pension Costs	4,342	-	4,342	4,464
	<u>52,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,801</u>	<u>54,282</u>

The average number of people employed by the church in the year was 2 (2020: 2). No employee earned £60,000 or more in the year.

3. Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration in the year (2020: £nil).

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (cont.)****4. Funds**

The Unrestricted Fund is the General Fund, used for the general purposes of the Church.

The Restricted Funds for the year were as follows:

	<u>Bal b/f</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Bal c/f</u>
Missionary Offerings Fund	53	12,746	(11,655)	-	1,144
	<u>53</u>	<u>12,746</u>	<u>(11,655)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,144</u>

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021**

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DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Details

The Church is a Registered Charity no. 1134107. The registered address is: Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 4AD. The charity trustees for the purpose of these accounts comprise the Elders and Deacons of the Church. The trustees are as follows:

Mr Jonathan Gayton (Elder & Secretary)
Mr Timothy Crump (Deacon & Treasurer)
Dr Ian Cox (Deacon)
Mr Dhanesh Lakha (Deacon)
Mr Peter Bradley (Deacon)

Dr Benjamin Fisher (Elder)
Mr Andrew Shanks (Deacon)
Mr Robert Townsend (Deacon)
Mr Mark Cave (Deacon)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church is constituted as an independent church, and the governing document is a Trust Deed. The Pastor, Elder and Deacons are elected by the Church Meeting, and are responsible for leadership of the church.

Objectives and Activities

The Church's aims are to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to edify the congregation through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, the circulation of good Christian literature, and the support of missionary endeavour at home and abroad. We continue to uphold the Bible and the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith which are consistent with the Charity's Trust Deeds. We believe that the society around us would be better if the Bible was believed and practised in the community.

Achievements and Performance

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused the Church to concentrate on its core activities. Meetings that had been previously well attended, such as the Coffee Morning, English classes, Student Café, Mums & Tods, nursing homes and open air services, had to be temporarily discontinued. Our minibuses were no longer used to transport young people from the local estates. However, concentrating on a smaller number of activities provided us with opportunities to develop new ways to conduct our weekly services, young peoples' meetings and church government. Sunday services and midweek Bible studies were streamed via our website, often when unable to meet in person. When we were allowed to meet, we practiced social distancing wearing masks as required. Sunday School continued via weekly videos which were produced by many individuals within our Church membership. A young peoples' meeting continued via conference calls, using puzzles, games and other media. Church officers met via Zoom to conduct the business of the church.

DUDLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 (Cont.)

Achievements and Performance (continued)

Pastoring the Church continued by telephone, letters and cards. Sometimes visitors to homes were allowed to meet outside or speak through a window. Thus Church unity and members' spiritual well-being was preserved.

We continue to support many missionaries in various parts of the world. Regular missionary giving from Church funds is a constant means of support to many desperate situations in the world. We take up special offerings for crisis locations. This is extra to our normal Autumn and Christmas offerings. During the pandemic, our members maintain financial giving by cheque or bank transfer. The Church and congregation is ethnically diverse, and the Church has a membership of 83.

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