

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1134116

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 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: Baptist Church

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£134,595	£139,124	-	-
2024-03-31	£128,705	£110,430	-	-
2023-03-31	£121,143	£129,724	-	-
2022-03-31	£117,507	£101,652	-	-
2021-03-31	£86,812	£74,573	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AKIN KOLEOSHO		2019-05-26
DAVID SHORT		2011-06-07
JONATHAN RIDDINGS		2015-09-01
Jill Jones		2018-08-01
KATHLEEN HAWKINS		2024-05-31
Kathy Bance		2018-08-01
Margaret Jacqueline Tibbert		2018-08-01
Monday Killo		2016-07-19
ROBERT DIGBY		2022-08-01
Rev NEIL JONATHAN DRAISEY		2013-01-10

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service and follows a Child Safeguarding Policy guided by the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

The Church uses a mixture of modern and traditional styles of worship and music with those who express an interest in the latter being encouraged to join the band/choir.

Members of the Fellowship continue to take part in morning services – leading readings and prayers, serving at our Communion services, as well as playing/singing in the band.

Other services take place throughout the year depending on seasonal, spiritual and circumstantial needs. These services are always open to the public and are advertised during the Sunday service, on the church website (www.beckenhambaptist.org.uk), on the notice boards inside and outside the Church, on social media and by word of mouth. Visitors and all those attending the services are welcomed and invited to join our Church family in conversation and fellowship, with refreshments, at the conclusion of the service.

We were pleased to welcome 4 people into membership and held 1 Baptism at the Church over the period covered by this report.

We were saddened by the death of 2 of our long standing Members of the Church during this period.

A number of events and activities continued throughout the year, with the aim of achieving our charitable objectives. Church Members, regular attenders and the local community are encouraged to join with us and take part in these.

We believe that this is in line with the examples set by Jesus and events such as 'Coffee on the Frontline', where we meet outside the Church to offer free coffee, tea and refreshments to the community, as they pass by on a Saturday morning, have continued.

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We continue to run our 'Chat n Chill' meeting every Wednesday, where we invite people from the Community to meet for refreshments and a chance to meet and chat, play board games, and do quizzes for the afternoon.

The Church were pleased to enable our Minister, Revd. Draisey, to take a Sabbatical from April to June, using the time to read, study and travel.

During that period we invited a wide range of people to preach at our Sunday services and the variety of styles and topics were enjoyed.

The Deacons were available throughout this period to oversee the day to day running of Church activities.

A small number of the Fellowship joined together for a 'Spring clean' in April.

We were also able to hold a Level 2 Safeguarding course for those working in the Church.

We were saddened by the passing of a friend of the Church and held his funeral service in April.

We were pleased to be able to hold our Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' at Church, to fundraise for, and promote the work of, Christian Aid.

The Beckenham Concert Band also held a concert at the Church, with donations to Christian Aid collected.

We held our annual 'Strawberry Tea' in the Church garden, in June, and were pleased to hold a dedication service for the son of a couple at Church.

In July we were pleased to hold a Baptism service for one of our Fellowship.

We also held a funeral service for a friend of the Minister in June.

Our 'Barn Dance' in September was enjoyed by friends from outside the Church as well as the Fellowship.

We continued to hold our 'Family Film' afternoons although the number of children attending declined.

We held our Harvest services at Church, with children and young people of the Uniformed Organisations, along with family members, friends and carers, joining with us.

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Our local Balgowan School also held their Harvest services at Church.

In October we held a 'Party of Light' for children in the Church and the community. Our annual Remembrance service was held in November.

Sadly, in December, a long standing member of the Church passed away and we held a reception at the Church, after the funeral, in January.

We held a number of services over the Christmas period which included our Toy/Parade service, where children and young people from our Uniformed organisations were encouraged to join with us and, along with the Fellowship, to donate toys that were delivered to a local charity.

Our 'Carols by Candlelight', Christmas Eve 'Crib service' and our Christmas Day services were well attended. These were advertised throughout the community and we delivered Christmas cards and flyers to the houses in various roads local to the Church.

Church Members, regular attenders and the local community are encouraged to join with us for all these events.

We were saddened to hear that another long standing member of the Church had passed away.

Our Church Meetings and our AGM are preceded by a 'Bring and Share' lunch, where the Fellowship are encouraged to bring items for lunch that can be shared amongst those attending.

The Church 'Home Groups', for Bible studies and for the growth of faith and discipleship, continued throughout this period, meeting at the Church on a Tuesday and a Thursday, alternate weeks. These groups also provided an opportunity for deepening fellowship relationships and prayer.

Our Men's Group meeting was held every other month and we are encouraged to invite friends and neighbours along, with a variety of different topics on offer. They also meet on the first Wednesday of each month at a local coffee shop.

Our Saturday Table Tennis Club continued each Saturday during term time and is very popular with the community.

We held a Taize service in January 2025 as part in the Churches Together in Beckenham's "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity".

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During the season of Lent, we joined with other Church communities for Lent courses.

As part of the 'World Day of Prayer' we hosted a service in March.

These along with other events held, enable members of the community to recognise a safe and friendly environment within which to develop a closer relationship with Jesus.

We continued to make our Hall and rooms available for a number of activities, including: NCT groups, dance & ballet groups, a Badminton group, children & young people's choir groups, children's parties as well as educational activities.

The Uniformed organisations meet throughout the week during term times, with Scout and Guide Groups, consisting of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and we are encouraged by those who attend our Church Parade Services' throughout the year.

The young people of ERYC (Elm Road Youth Club) have met regularly on Friday evenings for social events throughout this period and on a Sunday for Bible teaching and we have been pleased to see numbers slowly growing.

Our weekly (Thursday) Zoom Prayer meeting continues, with a small but regular number of people attending. The fellowship is sent the Zoom details in advance and are invited to join.

The Deacons (Trustees) meet monthly (apart from August), to discuss all aspects of Church life, including business and spiritual issues and they continue to keep in touch with Church members as well as the wider Fellowship..

Our Fabric team met regularly throughout the year and have overseen a number of projects.

In August, Revd Neil Draisey was again able to take annual leave and we were thankful that a number of people were able to help with the preaching on Sunday's.

We regularly review our GDPR compliance and Safeguarding policies, to ensure we operate within the current guidelines.

The Church continues to be a member of Churches Together In Beckenham (CTiB), an organisation designed to bring co-operation and unity between local churches.

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Achievements and Performance

The Church continued to see new people attend our Sunday Services over this period.

We are grateful for the continued faithful giving to the work of the Church.

The Fellowship has been encouraged to continue their support of the Living Well charity that collects food and clothing for the homeless and for those in need. Some Church members also volunteer at these projects.

We also support a local Woman's Refuge charity with donations at specific services.

A monthly Prayer Diary continues to be produced, to encourage the fellowship to pray for one another, as well as for relevant topics. This is emailed out via our Church database, to those who have given us permission to do so, and, for those without the technology, a paper copy of the diary is made available.

The average number of people attending Sunday services during this period was approx 66, including adults, children and young people.

As at 31st March 2025, the Church Membership was 75.

David Short – Trustee



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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 are attached to this report.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a reserve fund of £50,000 to cover any unexpected needs. This would enable the Charity to continue functioning for around three to six months. The financial reports are reviewed monthly and considered for any potential risks. This policy has enabled the church to remain financially stable during the pandemic.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees maintain a conservative Reserves Policy to ensure that all short term and long term commitments can be met in the current economic environment. Reserves constitute funds arising from income which becomes available to the Charity and is to be spent at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity and which is not yet spent, committed, restricted or designated. Reserves are held to finance all liabilities and future development of the Charity.

The Trustees wish to maintain this level of liquid unrestricted reserves so that there are adequate funds to meet all current and known liabilities ideally for a period of up to six months revenue expenditures.

Beckenham Baptist Church is extremely grateful for all the generous donations given throughout the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 continued

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of the resources of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems and procedures have been established to manage those risks.

This Report, and the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025, have been considered and approved by the Managing Trustees on 10th November 2025 for submission to a Church Members' Meeting for adoption.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees by the Church Secretary



23.11.25

D. Short - Trustee

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Charity (Charity number 1134116) for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

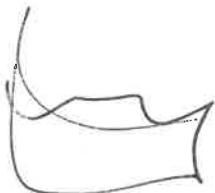
BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name and address and qualification:
Roger Storey, 26 Cherry Orchard Road, Bromley, BR2 8NE
Fellow Chartered Management Account (FCMA)

Date: 23/11/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

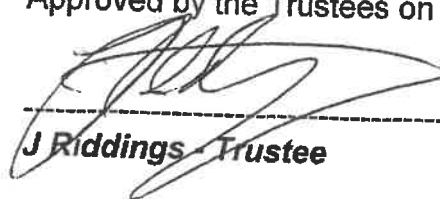
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>31/03/2025 Total funds</u>	<u>31/03/2024 Total funds (see over)</u>
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies		52,507	0	52,507	63,282
Gift aid receipts		11,013	0	11,013	11,753
Sales and refunds		195	0	195	0
Investments income	2	70,880	0	70,880	53,670
Total incoming resources		134,595	0	134,595	128,705
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	139,124	0	139,124	110,430
Total resources expended		139,124	0	139,124	110,430
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources Before Transfers		(4,529)	0	(4,529)	18,275
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(4,529)	0	(4,529)	18,275
Total funds brought forward		116,644	0	116,644	98,369
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		112,115	0	112,115	116,644

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

		<u>31/03/2025</u>	<u>31/03/2024</u>
		£	
	Notes		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Deposits	4	41,928	11,544
Cash at bank and in hand		69,484	98,185
Tenant deposit scheme		1,494	1,494
Gift aid recoverable		10,899	11,753
Insurance paid in advance		1,271	550
		125,076	123,526
CREDITORS			
amounts falling due within one year	5	12,961	6,882
NET CURRENT ASSETS		112,115	116,644
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		112,115	116,644
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		112,115	116,644
Restricted funds		0	0
TOTAL FUNDS		112,115	116,644

Approved by the Trustees on 23/11/25



J Riddings - Trustee

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

1 Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charitable company can continue to operate.

Income

Income is recognized when the charity 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.

Expenditure

All expenditure (including irrecoverable VAT) is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such its income is exempt from income tax and corporation tax under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that it is applied to its charitable objectives. The cost of irrecoverable VAT incurred has been included in the statement of financial activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Notes	<u>31/03/2025</u> £	<u>31/03/2024</u> £
2		
Investment income		
Lettings and rental income	70,496	53,552
Bank interest received	384	118
	70,880	53,670
3		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
<u>Ministry costs</u>		
Minister's stipend	39,472	37,010
Youth worker's costs	0	0
Minister's expenses	1,688	1,326
Travel expenses	0	0
Visiting preachers' fees	1,407	300
Other costs	567	260
	43,134	38,896
<u>Premises costs</u>		
Heat and light	12,622	9,654
Council tax and water	4,038	3,805
Insurance	6,903	8,611
Caretaking and cleaning	7,035	6,998
Repairs and maintenance	39,946	9,338
Refund (Electricity/ Solar)	0	(1,280)
Other costs	2,603	2,986
	73,146	40,112
<u>Administrative costs</u>		
Donations and subscriptions	7,517	7,137
Office costs	11,323	10,240
Music and related costs	2,534	2,447
IT/ Website costs	1,470	135
Loan Expense	0	5,600
Other costs	0	5,863
	22,844	31,422
TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE	139,124	110,430

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025 – continued

TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The Charity employed its minister, Revd Neil Draisey to carry out the objectives of the church during the year. Revd Draisey lives in a property provided by the church. The following costs were incurred:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salary, pension costs and national insurance	39,472	37,010
Manse costs	1,688	1,326
	<u>41,160</u>	<u>38,336</u>

STAFF

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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		<u>31/03/2025</u>	<u>31/03/2024</u>
		£	£
4	CURRENT ASSETS		
	Deposit – London Baptist Property Board	37,012	7,012
	Deposit – Baptist Union Corporation	4,916	4,532
		<u>41,928</u>	<u>11,544</u>
5	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	Loan - Baptist Building Fund	0	0
	Key deposits	225	225
	Donations due	12,000	6,000
	Sundry creditors	220	220
	PAYE accrual	516	437
		<u>12,961</u>	<u>6,882</u>

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We continue to run our 'Chat n Chill' meeting every Wednesday, where we invite people from the Community to meet for refreshments and a chance to meet and chat, play board games, and do quizzes for the afternoon.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024 - continued

In May we held a lunch after our Sunday service, to celebrate King Charles's coronation

We were pleased to be able to hold our Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' at Church, to fundraise for, and promote the work of, Christian Aid.

Revd. Draisey was able to attend the Baptist Union Assembly at Telford, in June 2023.

We also held a 'Strawberry Tea' in the Church garden, in June 2023, a 'Barn Dance' in September 2023, a 'Family Film' afternoon in October 2023 (for children up to the age of 11)

We held Harvest services at Church for the local Balgowan School, for over 600 children.

In October 2023, the Trustees held an 'Away Day', at a local Church, to discuss Church matters both spiritual and of a business nature.

Our annual Remembrance service was held in November.

We held a number of services over the Christmas period which included our Toy/Parade service, where children and young people from our Uniformed organisations were encouraged to join with us and, along with the Fellowship, to donate toys that were delivered to a local charity.

Our 'Carols by Candlelight', Christmas Eve 'Crib service' and our Christmas Day services were well attended. These were advertised throughout the community and we delivered Christmas cards and flyers to the houses in various roads local to the Church.

A children's 'Pancake Party' was held in February 2024 and we again held our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services at Church over the Easter period. We were also pleased that Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) were able to hold their Walk of Witness on Good Friday 2024, which a number of our Fellowship attended.

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Our Church Meetings and our AGM are preceded by a 'Bring and Share' lunch, where the Fellowship are encouraged to bring items for lunch that can be shared amongst those attending.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024 - continued

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Our Men's Group meeting was held every other month and we are encouraged to invite friends and neighbours along, with a variety of different topics on offer.

A Women's group was also started last year, for those who attend the Church as well as those from the community.

Our Saturday Table Tennis Club continued each Saturday during term time and is very popular with the community.

We held a Taizé service in February 2024 as part in the Churches Together in Beckenham's "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity".

During March 2024 we were also pleased to welcome children from Churchfields Primary School Year 1, during the week, who were studying 'What Christians believe' in their classes.

These along with other events held, enable members of the community to recognise a safe and friendly environment within which to develop a closer relationship with Jesus.

We continued to make our Hall and rooms available for a number of activities, including: NCT groups, dance & ballet groups, a Badminton group, children & young people's choir groups, children's parties as well as educational activities.

The Uniformed organisations meet throughout the week with thriving Scout and Guide Groups, consisting of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and we are encouraged by those who attend our Church 'Parade Services' throughout the year.

The young people of ERYC (Elm Road Youth Club) have met regularly on Friday evenings for social events throughout this period and on a Sunday for Bible teaching and we have been pleased to see numbers slowly growing.

Our weekly (Thursday) Zoom Prayer meeting continues, with a small but regular number of people attending. The fellowship is sent the Zoom details in advance and are invited to join.

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BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024 - continued

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The Church has been pleased to see many new people attend our Sunday Services over this period.

We are grateful for the continued faithful giving to the work of the Church.

The Fellowship has been encouraged to continue their support of the Living Well charity that collects food and clothing for the homeless and for those in need. Some Church members also volunteer at these projects.

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The average number of people attending Sunday services during this period was approx. 66, including adults, children and young people.

As at 31st March 2024, the Church Membership was 62.

David Short – Trustee

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 are attached to this report.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a reserve fund of £50,000 to cover any unexpected needs. This would enable the Charity to continue functioning for around three to six months. The financial reports are reviewed monthly and considered for any potential risks. This policy has enabled the church to remain financially stable during the pandemic.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees maintain a conservative Reserves Policy to ensure that all short term and long term commitments can be met in the current economic environment. Reserves constitute funds arising from income which becomes available to the Charity and is to be spent at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity and which is not yet spent, committed, restricted or designated. Reserves are held to finance all liabilities and future development of the Charity.

The Trustees wish to maintain this level of liquid unrestricted reserves so that there are adequate funds to meet all current and known liabilities ideally for a period of up to six months revenue expenditures.

Beckenham Baptist Church is extremely grateful for all the generous donations given throughout the year.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 continued

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of the resources of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems and procedures have been established to manage those risks.

This Report, and the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024, have been considered and approved by the Managing Trustees on 13th January 2025 for submission to a Church Members' Meeting for adoption.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees by the Church Secretary

D Short

D. Short - Trustee

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Charity (Charity number 1134116) for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

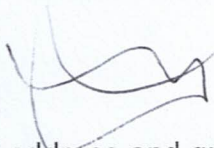
BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name and address and qualification:

Roger Storey, 26 Cherry Orchard Road, Bromley, BR2 8NE
Fellow Chartered Management Accountant (FCMA)

Date: 13.01.2025

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>31/03/2024 Total funds</u>	<u>31/03/2023 Total funds (see over)</u>
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies		63,282	0	63,282	51,691
Gift aid receipts		11,753	0	11,753	11,125
Sales and refunds		0	0	0	571
Investments income	2	53,670	0	53,670	57,756
Total incoming resources		128,705	0	128,705	121,143
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	110,430	0	110,430	129,724
Total resources expended		110,430	0	110,430	129,724
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources Before Transfers		18,275	0	18,275	(8,581)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		18,275	0	18,275	(8,581)
Total funds brought forward		98,369	0	98,369	106,950
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		116,644	0	116,644	98,369

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

		<u>31/03/2024</u>	<u>31/03/2023</u>
		£	
	Notes		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Deposits	4	11,544	11,426
Cash at bank and in hand		98,185	79,109
Tenant deposit scheme		1,494	1,494
Gift aid recoverable		11,753	11,125
Insurance paid in advance		550	2,047
		123,526	105,201
CREDITORS			
amounts falling due within one year	5	6,882	6,832
NET CURRENT ASSETS		116,644	98,369
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		116,644	98,369
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		116,644	98,369
Restricted funds		0	0
TOTAL FUNDS		116,644	98,369

Approved by the Trustees on 13th January 2025

J Riddings

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

1 **Basis of Preparation**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charitable company can continue to operate.

Income

Income is recognized when the charity 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.

Expenditure

All expenditure (including irrecoverable VAT) is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such its income is exempt from income tax and corporation tax under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that it is applied to its charitable objectives. The cost of irrecoverable VAT incurred has been included in the statement of financial activities.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Notes	<u>31/03/2024</u> £	<u>31/03/2023</u> £
2	Investment income	
	53,552	57,756
	118	0
	53,670	57,756
3	Expenditure on charitable activities	
	<u>Ministry costs</u>	
	37,010	35,981
	0	250
	1,326	605
	0	230
	300	870
	260	0
	38,896	37,936
	<u>Premises costs</u>	
	9,654	11,500
	3,805	2,123
	8,611	6,616
	6,998	6,919
	9,338	34,767
	(1,280)	0
	2,986	6,150
	40,112	68,075
	<u>Administrative costs</u>	
	7,137	7,958
	10,240	9,264
	2,447	3,603
	135	2,888
	5,600	0
	5,863	0
	31,422	23,713
	TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE	
	110,430	129,724

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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

TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The Charity employed its minister, Revd Neil Draisey to carry out the objectives of the church during the year. Revd Draisey lives in a property provided by the church. The following costs were incurred:

	2024 £	2023 £
Salary, pension costs and national insurance	37,010	35,981
Manse costs	1,326	605
	<u>38,336</u>	<u>36,586</u>

STAFF

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Notes	<u>31/03/2024</u>	<u>31/03/2023</u>
4	CURRENT ASSETS	£
	Deposit – London Baptist Property Board	6,894
	Deposit – Baptist Union Corporation	4,532
	11,544	11,426
5	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	£
	Loan - Baptist Building Fund	0
	Key deposits	175
	Donations due	6,000
	Sundry creditors	220
	PAYE accrual	437
	6,882	6,832

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2023**

Charity Number: 1134116

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Managing Trustees

The following have held office throughout the period from 1st April 2022 to the date of this report unless otherwise stated

The Revd N J Draisey (Minister)
Mr D Short (Secretary)
Mr J Riddings (Treasurer)
Mrs K Bance
Mr R Digby
Mrs C Double
Mr A Holness (stood down May 2022)
Mrs J Jones
Mr M Killo
Mr A Koleosho
Mrs S Short
Mrs J Tibbert

Custodian Trustees

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Registered Address

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Charity registration number

1134116

Independent Examiner

Roger Storey FCMA

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

The Managing Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Charitable Objective

The Charity is governed by a Constitution which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the London Baptist Property Board Limited on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the above objective.

Organisational Structure and Decision-Making Processes

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be, or to have been, publicly baptised on the profession of faith, or by public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The Members' Meeting would normally take place bi-monthly, and special meetings are called when a specific matter arises needing the members' consideration. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Meeting by the Managing Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members at the Church Meeting for further consideration by the Managing Trustees.

The members have overall responsibility for the policy of the Church. They appoint up to twelve Managing Trustees, collectively known as the Diaconate, who together with the Minister, are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The Church Secretary and Treasurer are chosen by the Managing Trustees from among their number. All members are encouraged to take appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Trustee elections were held in May 2022. Three Trustees had completed their 3 year term and two agreed to stand for re-election. They, along with One other Church member were nominated and subsequently voted onto the diaconate.

Though the Constitution permits decisions made at Church Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

The minister of Beckenham Baptist Church, the Rev Neil Draisey, continues to engage with his Church members and Managing Trustees to ensure that the Church is following its charitable objectives and is not only sustaining, but growing its membership and potential.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023 - continued

Objectives and Activities

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Visitors and all those attending the services are welcomed and invited to join our Church family in conversation and fellowship, with refreshments, at the conclusion of the service.

We were pleased to welcome 9 people into membership over the period covered by this report, 4 of whom were young people who were Baptised at the Church in September 2022. We were saddened by the death, in January 2023, of a long standing Member of the Church, with 2 other Members moving away.

We also held a funeral service for a friend of the Minister who had passed away.

A number of events and activities continued throughout the year, with the aim of achieving our charitable objectives. Church Members, regular attenders and the local community are encouraged to join with us and take part in these.

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We held Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services at Church, although we were disappointed that Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) were unable to hold their Walk of Witness on Good Friday last year.

We were pleased to be able to hold our 1st 'Bring and Share' lunch since 2019, prior to our Church meeting and AGM in May.

Revd Draisey was able to attend the Baptist Union Assembly in Bournemouth and we were pleased to be able to hold the first of our Baptismal classes for some of our young people.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023 - continued

We held Deacon's (Trustees) elections in May, where 2 Deacons were re-elected and a new Member was also voted in.

A Platinum Jubilee picnic was held in the Hall, in June, and a 'Strawberry Tea' event was held in the Church garden. The Fellowship and community friends joined together for these events.

In September we had the privilege of seeing 4 of our young people being baptised at Church.

We held Harvest services at Church for our local Balgowan School, for over 600 children, and were pleased to have them back at Church later in the year for their Christmas services.

The Church recommenced a series of 'Home Groups', for Bible studies and for the growth of faith and discipleship, two of which meet at the Church on a Tuesday and a Thursday, alternate weeks. Another group meets at the home of a Church Member.

These groups also provided an opportunity for deepening fellowship relationships and prayer.

We were also able to offer the Church as a venue for a Flower Guild demonstration in December.

We held a number of services over the Christmas period which included our Toy/Parade service, where children and young people from our Uniformed Organizations were encouraged to join with us and to donate toys that were delivered to a local charity. Our 'Carols by Candlelight', Christmas Eve 'Crib Service' and our Christmas Day Service were well attended. These were advertised throughout the community and we delivered fliers to the houses in various roads local to the Church.

Our 'Chat'n Chill' meeting continued to meet regularly each Wednesday, with people from the community welcomed for an afternoon of refreshments and conversation.

Our Men's meeting was held every other month and we were encouraged to invite friends and neighbours along, with a variety of different topics on offer.

Our Saturday Table Tennis Club continued each Saturday during term time and is very popular with the community.

We restarted our search for a Youth and Family worker in June, although this process was suspended later in the year due to the lack of response.

This year we joined with other churches in the community to take part in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, where Ministers from various churches preached at other churches.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023 - continued

We also held a 'Taize' service at Church as part of this event and joined in with the Lent Courses held locally. These events were organized by CTiB.

We were pleased to be able to hold our Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' at Church this year, to fundraise and promote the work of Christian Aid.

These along with other events held, enable members of the community to recognize a safe and friendly environment within which to develop a closer relationship with Jesus.

We continued to make our Hall and rooms available for a number of activities, including: NCT groups, dance and ballet groups, a Badminton group, children and young people's choir groups, children's parties as well as educational activities.

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The Deacons (Trustees) meet monthly (apart from August), to discuss all aspects of Church life, including business and spiritual issues. They have continued to keep in touch with Church members as well as the wider Fellowship, during this period.

The Fabric team has met regularly throughout the year and have overseen a number of small and large projects. These have included the installation of new projectors and screens in the Sanctuary, work required by the Quinquennial report, the installation of new heating controls as well as general repairs to the building.

In August, Revd Neil Draisey was again able to take annual leave during the summer and we were thankful that a number of people were able to help with the preaching on Sundays.

We regularly review our GDPR compliance and ensure we operate within the current guidelines.

The Church continues to be a member of Churches Together In Beckenham (CTiB), an organisation designed to bring co-operation and unity between local churches.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023 - continued

Achievements and Performance

The Church has enjoyed steady membership numbers throughout this period and we are grateful for the continued faithful giving to the work of the Church.

The Fellowship has been encouraged to continue their support of the Living Well charity that collects food and clothing for the homeless and for those in need. Some Church members also volunteer at these projects.

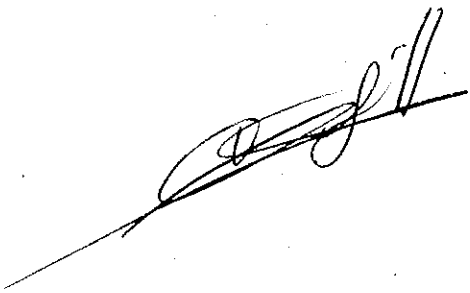
We also support a local Woman's Refuge charity with donations at specific services.

The 'prayer' email address is still available, to allow people to send their specific prayer requests to the Minister and, where relevant, these are shared with the Fellowship. This is also available to the wider community.

A monthly Prayer Diary continues to be produced, to encourage the fellowship to pray for one another, as well as for relevant topics. This is emailed out via our Church database, to those who have given us permission to do so, and, for those without the technology, a paper copy of the diary is made available.

The average number of people attending Sunday services during this period was approx 62, including adults, children and young people.

As at 31st March 2023, the Church Membership was 72.



David Short – Trustee

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 are attached to this report.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a reserve fund of £50,000 to cover any unexpected needs. This would enable the charity to continue functioning for around three to six months. The financial reports are reviewed monthly and considered for any potential risks. This policy has enabled the church to remain financially stable during the pandemic.

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The Trustees maintain a conservative Reserves Policy to ensure that all short term and long term commitments can be met in the current economic environment. Reserves constitute funds arising from income which becomes available to the charity and is to be spent at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity and which is not yet spent, committed, restricted or designated. Reserves are held to finance all liabilities and future development of the charity.

The Trustees wish to maintain this level of liquid unrestricted reserves so that there are adequate funds to meet all current and known liabilities ideally for a period of up to six months revenue expenditures.

Beckenham Baptist Church is extremely grateful for all the generous donations given throughout the year.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 continued

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
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Risk Management

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems and procedures have been established to manage those risks.

This Report, and the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022, have been considered and approved by the Managing Trustees on 8th January 2024 for submission to a Church Members' Meeting for adoption.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees by the Church Secretary



14-1-24

D. Short - Trustee

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the charity (charity number 1134116) for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
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BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name and address and qualification:

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Fellow Chartered Management Account (FCMA)

Date: 22-1-24

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>31/03/2023</u> <u>Total funds</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u> <u>Total funds</u> <u>(see over)</u>
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies		51,691	0	51,691	58,820
Gift aid receipts		11,125	0	11,125	19,022
Sales and refunds		401	0	571	0.00
Investments income	2	57,926	0	57,756	39,665
Total incoming resources		121,143	0	121,143	117,507
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	129,724	0	129,724	101,652
Total resources expended		129,724	0	129,724	101,652
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources Before Transfers		(8,581)	0	(8,581)	15,855
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(8,581)	0	(8,581)	15,855
Total funds brought forward		106,950	0	106,950	91,095
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		98,369	0	98,369	106,950

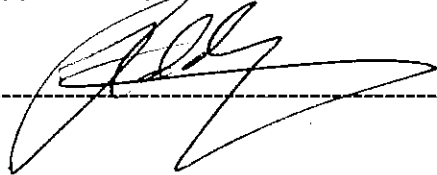
BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2023

		<u>31/03/2023</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>
		£	
	Notes		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Deposits	4	11,426	11,252
Cash at bank and in hand		79,109	99,987
Tenant deposit scheme		1,494	1,494
Gift aid recoverable		11,125	5,097
Insurance paid in advance		2,047	1,553
		<u>105,201</u>	<u>119,383</u>
CREDITORS			
amounts falling due within one year	5	6,832	12,433
		<u>98,369</u>	<u>106,950</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>98,369</u>	<u>106,950</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>98,369</u>	<u>106,950</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		98,369	106,950
Restricted funds		0	0
		<u>98,369</u>	<u>106,950</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>98,369</u>	<u>106,950</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

11th January 2024



BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

1 Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going Concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charitable company can continue to operate.

Income

Income is recognized when the charity 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.

Expenditure

All expenditure (including irrecoverable VAT) is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such its income is exempt from income tax and corporation tax under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that it is applied to its charitable objectives. The cost of irrecoverable VAT incurred has been included in the statement of financial activities.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

Notes	<u>31/03/2023</u> £	<u>31/03/2022</u> £
2	Investment income	
	57,756	39,651
	170	14
	57,926	39,665
3	Expenditure on charitable activities	
	<u>Ministry costs</u>	
	35,981	37,151
	250	0
	605	712
	230	0
	870	449
	0	3,945
	37,936	42,257
	<u>Premises costs</u>	
	11,500	8,633
	2,123	2,826
	6,616	6,201
	6,919	0
	34,767	20,352
	0	-3,415
	6,150	1,203
	68,075	35,800
	<u>Administrative costs</u>	
	7,958	8,879
	9,264	12,030
	3,603	717
	2,888	122
	0	0
	0	1,747
	23,713	23,595
	TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE	
	129,724	101,652

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023 – continued

TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The Charity employed its minister, Revd Neil Draisey to carry out the objectives of the church during the year. Revd Draisey lives in a property provided by the church. The following costs were incurred:

	2023 £	2022 £
Salary, pension costs and national insurance	35,981	37,151
Manse costs	605	712
	<u>36,586</u>	<u>37,863</u>

STAFF

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023 – continued

Notes

	<u>31/03/2023</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u>
	£	£
4 CURRENT ASSETS		
Deposit – London Baptist Property Board	6,894	6,720
Deposit – Baptist Union Corporation	4,532	4,532
	11,426	11,252
5 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Loan - Baptist Building Fund	0	5,600
Key deposits	175	175
Donations due	6,000	6,000
Sundry creditors	220	220
PAYE accrual	437	438
	6,832	12,433

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134116

Accounts

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2022**

Charity Number: 1134116

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Managing Trustees

The following have held office throughout the period from 1st April 2022 to the date of this report unless otherwise stated

The Revd N. J. Draisey (Minister)
Mr D Short (Secretary)
Mr J Riddings (Treasurer)
Mrs K Bance
Mrs C Double (Appointed May 2021)
Mr A Holness
Mrs J Jones
Mr M Killo
Mr A Koleosho
Mrs S Short (Appointed May 2021)
Mrs J Tibbert
Mr M Walton (Resigned Sep 2021)

Custodian Trustees

London Baptist Property Board Limited
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London
E1 8JN

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank
PO Box 250
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Skelmersdale
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Registered Address

Beckenham Baptist Church
Elm Road
Beckenham, Kent
BR3 4JB

Charity registration number 1134116

Independent Examiner Roger Storey FCMA

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

The Managing Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

Charitable Objective

The Charity is governed by a Constitution which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the London Baptist Property Board Limited on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the above objective.

Organisational Structure and Decision-Making Processes

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be, or to have been, publicly baptised on the profession of faith, or by public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The Members' Meeting would normally take place bi-monthly, and special meetings are called when a specific matter arises needing the members' consideration.

Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Meeting by the Managing Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members at the Church Meeting for further consideration by the Managing Trustees.

The members have overall responsibility for the policy of the Church. They appoint up to twelve Managing Trustees, collectively known as the Diaconate, who together with the Minister, are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The Church Secretary and Treasurer are chosen by the Managing Trustees from among their number. All members are encouraged to take appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective.

Trustee elections were held in May 2021, with 8 members being nominated. Of these, 7 agreed to stand and were subsequently voted onto the diaconate.

Though the Constitution permits decisions made at Church Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

The minister of Beckenham Baptist Church, the Rev Neil Draisey, continues to engage with his Church members and Managing Trustees to ensure that the Church is following its charitable objectives and is not only sustaining but growing its membership and potential. Although the Church was able to re-open in April 2021, Neil, with assistance from Church members, continued to produce a weekly online YouTube service. These continued until September 2021.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022 - continued

Objectives and Activities

After being closed for 'in person' worship since 01st November 2020, the Church was able to re-open on 18th April 2021, having reviewed the advice from the UK Government & the Baptist Union.

Our Risk Assessment was updated with relevant changes and, although restrictions such as social distancing, wearing of masks & no singing were still in place, 33 people attended that first Sunday morning service.

The Trustees agreed not to restart our Sunday evening services at this time, although online services continued, for those unsure/unable to attend Church.

A decision was also made not to restart children or young people's activities at this time.

Prior to the pandemic, the Church had held regular public services of Christian worship on a Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Other services would usually take place throughout the year depending on seasonal, spiritual and circumstantial needs.

These services were always open to the public and advertised on the church website (www.beckenhambaptist.org.uk), in the weekly news sheet, on the notice boards and on social media.

During the pandemic, the Church continued to keep the Fellowship and the Community aware of the online services using the church website, the notice boards, social media and letters/notes that were posted or hand delivered.

April also saw the re-opening of other areas of Church life and hirers were given the opportunity to return. Each group was asked to supply a full Risk Assessment prior to their return, which were reviewed and agreed by the Trustees.

We have also received requests from new organisations, looking to hire the halls as well as families, wanting to hold children's parties.

The hirers include NCT groups, dance & ballet groups, a Badminton group, children & young people's choir groups as well as educational activities.

The Uniformed organisations started to meet again with thriving Scout and Guide Groups, consisting of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

The young people of ERYC (Elm Road Youth Club) began to meet again in person.

Although we weren't able to hold a Christian Aid 'Big Brekkie' in person, we were able to hold a 'Coffee on the Frontline' morning where we served free drinks and other refreshments to passers-by, along with food from a BBQ. A number of the Fellowship felt able to come and help and this was well received in the Community.

The Church was opened for a week in May for a time of prayer & reflection during the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022 - continued

The Baptist Union broadcast their Assembly live in May and the Church Fellowship were able to watch this together as part of their Sunday morning worship.

The Fabric team started to meet in person again at Church.

The Men's group (Christian Men Together) that had previously met via Zoom prior to the Church re-opening, began to meet in person.

ERYC had an 'away day' at Heartsease (the Girl Guiding house in West Wickham), and also held a BBQ at Church prior to the proposed summer break. They subsequently decided to continue meeting socially during the summer, in the Garden House on a Friday evening.

In July a Garden working party met to tidy up the Church garden.

We were pleased to hold a service of blessing for a baby born to a couple in the community.

In August, Revd Neil Draisey was able to take a well-earned rest during the summer and we were thankful that a number of people helped us out with the preaching on Sunday's.

A 'Staycation' was held at the Church for some of our older friends in the Fellowship.

We were able to hold our first Church meeting since March 2020, on Sunday 19th September 2021 and the following week the Band and Choir brought live music back into our worship service at Church!

The Table Tennis Club restarted and the number of attendees quickly grew.

The Trustees agreed that the online services would end on 26th September 2021 and they also decided to stop the 'after Church' Zoom coffee meetings. The following week we were able to offer after service refreshments in Church for the first time since March 2020.

The Deacons in person held their annual Away Day in October, and met together at the Church for an 'Away Day - at Home'.

In November we were able to restart our Sunday Club for the young children and Sunday ERYC for the young people.

Our Christmas services returned after 2 years with a Crib Service held on Christmas Eve and a morning service on Christmas Day.

The beginning of 2022 saw the Youth worker search team meet to restart the process of considering what we need for our Family, youth & children's work.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022 - continued

We continue to review our GDPR compliance and ensure we operate within the current guidelines, with the latest review being carried out in early January 2022.

The Church continues to be a member of Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB), an organisation designed to bring co-operation and unity between local churches and, as part of CTiB's Week of Christian Prayer & Unity in January, a Taize service was held at Church.

The Fabric team restarted our Vision 2020 project by meeting with a number of suppliers for request quotes for new sound & vision equipment.

A new, weekly meeting, called 'Chat 'n Chill' was started in February 2022. It is designed for those people in the community who are still feeling a bit lonely or isolated, allowing them to come together to meet new friends or just to chill out.

March 2022 saw the Church host its first Uniformed Organisation's Parade service in 2 years, with over 100 people attending.

The average number of people attending the online services during this period was approx 35 per week and the average number of people attending in person during this period was approx 51 per week.

During the morning services, children/young people spend part of the time with the main congregation and the remainder in their own age-appropriate activities, with support of volunteers.

Occasionally and, where appropriate, the children and young people will join the main congregation for the entire period of morning worship - a 'Family Service' aimed at all ages. This is designed to help the children and young people feel that they are an integral part of the church family.

The Church uses a mixture of modern and traditional styles of worship and music.

Visitors and new congregation attendees are always welcome, greeted and invited to join the existing church family in conversation and refreshments at the end of the morning services.

The Church previously ran a series of house groups for the growth of faith and discipleship and these would often follow a series or theme for a period. House groups also provided an opportunity for deepening fellowship relationships and prayer. These are currently being reviewed, to determine how these can be restarted.

The Trustees have continued to keep in touch with Church members as well as the wider Fellowship, during this period.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022 - continued

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service and follows a Child Safeguarding Policy guided by the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Policy has been updated to include vulnerable adults.

Achievements and Performance

With the lifting of restrictions in early 2021, the Church looked to reinstate many of its activities and objectives. It also gave us the opportunity to review these.

Looking back over this difficult period, we are pleased to see that nearly all those who attended Church prior to the pandemic have been able to return.

We have also seen new people becoming regular attenders.

We are also pleased that many of those who previously hired the halls have returned.

Members of the Fellowship continue to take part in morning services – leading readings and prayers, and playing/singing in the Band.

As part of our Vision 2020 project, the Trustees agreed to 3 pews being removed, with a view to looking to eventually replace pews with chairs.

The pulpit has also been removed and arrangements made for the installation of new screens and projectors.

The weekly Zoom Prayer meetings have continued, with the fellowship being sent the Zoom details in advance and invited to join.

A monthly Prayer Diary is produced, to encourage the fellowship to pray for one another, as well as for relevant topics. This is emailed out via our Church database, to those who have given us permission to do so, and, for those without the technology, a paper copy of the diary is made available.

We were able to hold a Christian Aid 'Big Breakfast' in mid-2022, to fundraise and promote the work of Christian Aid.

The Fellowship has been encouraged to continue their support of the Living Well charity that collects food and clothing for the homeless and for those in need.

We also held an appeal for donations to the BMS Ukraine project.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022 - continued

The 'prayer' email address is still available, to allow people to send their specific prayer requests to the Minister and, where relevant, these are shared with the Fellowship. This is also available to the wider community.

The Church website has been updated, to give a more modern feel.

A number of maintenance/enhancement projects were undertaken during the year, including organizing a Quinquennial report.

At the date of this report, the Church membership is 76.



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David Short - Trustee

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 are attached to this report.

Income has continued to be affected by the pandemic of the previous 2 years but the Church continued to raise funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation, from investment income and from tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid scheme. Costs were carefully controlled and the Church has been able to invest in new sound and vision equipment in the year.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a reserve fund of £50,000 to cover any unexpected needs. This would enable the charity to continue functioning for around three months in the case of emergency. The financial reports are reviewed monthly and considered for any potential risks. This policy has enabled the church to remain financially stable during the pandemic.

Reserves policy

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BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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This Report, and the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022, have been considered and approved by the Managing Trustees on 9th January 2023 for submission to a Church Members' Meeting for adoption.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees by the Church Secretary



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D. Short - Trustee

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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Signed



Name and address and qualification:

Roger Storey, 26 Cherry Orchard Road, Bromley, BR2 8NE
Fellow Chartered Management Account (FCMA)

Date: 14/1/2023

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022


	Notes	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>31/03/2022</u> <u>Total funds</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u> <u>Total funds</u> <u>(see over)</u>
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies		58,820	0	58,820	43,836
Gift aid receipts		19,022	0	19,022	3,181
Investments income	2	39,665	0	39,665	39,795
Total incoming resources		117,507	0	117,507	86,812
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	101,652	0	101,652	74,573
Total Resources Expended		101,652	0	101,652	74,573
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources Before Transfers		15,855	0	15,855	12,239
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		15,855	0	15,855	12,239
Total funds brought forward		91,095	0	91,095	78,856
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		106,950	0	106,950	91,095

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2022

		<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
		£	
	Notes		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Deposits	4	11,252	11,252
Cash at bank and in hand		99,987	88,416
Tenant Deposit Scheme		1,494	1,494
Gift aid recoverable		5,097	0
Insurance paid in advance		1,553	1538
		<u>119,383</u>	<u>102,700</u>
CREDITORS			
amounts falling due within one year	5	12,433	11,605
		<u>106,950</u>	<u>91,095</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>106,950</u>	<u>91,095</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>106,950</u>	<u>91,095</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		106,950	91,095
Restricted funds		0	0
		<u>106,950</u>	<u>91,095</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>106,950</u>	<u>91,095</u>

Approved by the Trustees on



9th January 2023

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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The company is a registered charity and as such its income is exempt from income tax and corporation tax under the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that it is applied to its charitable objectives. The cost of irrecoverable VAT incurred has been included in the statement of financial activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

Notes	<u>31/03/2022</u> £	<u>31/03/2021</u> £
2		
Investment income		
Lettings and rental income	39,651	39,688
Bank interest received	14	107
	39,665	39,795
3		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
<u>Ministry costs</u>		
Minister's stipend	37,151	35,764
Youth workers costs	0	0
Minister's expenses	712	943
Travel expenses	0	0
Visiting preachers fees	449	0
Other costs	3,945	0
	42,257	37,429
<u>Premises costs</u>		
Heat and light	8,633	10,739
Council tax and water	2,826	3,237
Insurance	6,201	4,617
Caretaking and cleaning	0	0
Repairs and maintenance	20,352	13,507
Refund (Electricity/ Solar)	-3,415	-12,385
Other costs	1,203	1,934
	35,800	21,649
<u>Administrative costs</u>		
Donations and subscriptions	8,979	6,603
Office costs	12,030	5,893
Music and related costs	717	0
IT/website costs	122	254
Covid-19 expenses	0	968
Other costs	1,747	1,777
	23,595	15,495
TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE	101,652	74,573

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022 – continued

TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The Charity employed its minister, Revd Neil Draisey to carry out the objectives of the church during the year. Revd Draisey lives in a property provided by the church. The following costs were incurred:

	2022 £	2021 £
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	<u>37,863</u>	<u>36,707</u>

STAFF

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022 – continued

Notes

		<u>31/03/2022</u>	<u>31/03/2021</u>
		£	£
4	CURRENT ASSETS		
	Deposit – London Baptist Property Board	6,720	6,720
	Deposit – Baptist Union Corporation	4,532	4,532
		<u>11,252</u>	<u>11,252</u>
5	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	Loan -Baptist Building Fund	5,600	11,200
	Key deposits	175	185
	Donations due	6,000	0
	Sundry creditors	220	220
	PAYE accrual	438	0
		<u>12,433</u>	<u>11,605</u>

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134116

Accounts

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2021**

Charity Number: 1134116

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Managing Trustees

The following have held office throughout the period from 1st April 2020 to the date of this report unless otherwise stated

The Revd N. J. Draisey (Minister)
Mr D Short (Secretary from July 2020)
Mr I-P Munday (Secretary Resigned Nov 2020)
Mr J Riddings (Treasurer)
Mr N Pilcher (Resigned May 2020)
Mr G King (Resigned Nov 2020)
Mrs K Bance
Mr A Holness
Mrs J Jones
Mr M Killo
Mr A Koleosho
Mrs J Tibbert
Mr M Walton

Custodian Trustees

London Baptist Property Board Limited
Unit C2, 15 Dock Street
London
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Bankers

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PO Box 250
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Southway
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT

Registered Address

Beckenham Baptist Church
Elm Road
Beckenham, Kent
BR3 4JB

Charity registration number

1134116

Independent Examiner

Roger Storey FCMA

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

The Managing Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Charitable Objective

The Charity is governed by a Constitution which states that the principal purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination to include the advancement of education, community service and such other general charitable purposes in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine.

The Church occupies premises which are held by the London Baptist Property Board Limited on Trusts which are entirely compatible with the above objective.

Organisational Structure and Decision-Making Processes

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be, or to have been, publicly baptised on the profession of faith, or by public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The Members' Meeting would normally take place bi-monthly, and special meetings are called when a specific matter arises needing the members' consideration. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Meeting by the Managing Trustees for guidance, or may be raised by members at the Church Meeting for further consideration by the Managing Trustees.

The members have overall responsibility for the policy of the Church. They appoint up to twelve Managing Trustees, collectively known as the Diaconate, who together with the Minister, are responsible for the day to day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The Church Secretary and Treasurer are chosen by the Managing Trustees from among their number. All members are encouraged to take appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. Due to exceptional circumstances around Covid-19, it was decided to suspend the planned trustee election process in 2020, until this coming year. Mr David Short, who was due to stand down on rotation, was co-opted to continue as a deacon in order to assume the role of Church Secretary in anticipation of Ian-Paul Munday's imminent departure. The Trustees have continued to meet, virtually, every month, to discuss any outstanding issues and matters arising.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we suspended our regular, 'in person' Church Member's Meetings until it is safe to resume. We will endeavour to resume the normal democratic processes of our organisation as soon as possible.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021 - continued

To that end, in March 2021, the process of Trustees elections was started, with all Church members contacted via email, post or hand delivery.

Though the Constitution permits decisions made at Church Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

The minister of Beckenham Baptist Church, the Rev Neil Draisey, continues to engage with his Church members and Managing Trustees to ensure that the Church is following its charitable objectives and is not only sustaining, but growing its membership and potential. While the Church premises have been closed, Neil, with assistance from Church members, has produced a weekly online YouTube service. This will continue until further notice to minister to members of the congregation who may not be in a position to attend Church even when we are open.

Objectives and Activities

Due to the pandemic, there have been a very limited number of 'in person' events and activities throughout the reporting year.

Usually, we would encourage members to participate in events, as well as inviting the local community to take part. The aim is for members of the local community to have a safe and friendly environment within which to develop a closer relationship with Jesus. However, this year, the pandemic has meant that we have not been able to hold these.

Prior to the pandemic, the Church held regular public services of Christian worship on a Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Other services would usually take place throughout the year depending on seasonal, spiritual and circumstantial needs. These services are always open to the public and advertised on the church website (www.beckenhambaptist.org.uk), in the weekly news sheet, on the notice boards and on social media. During the morning services, children would spend part of the time with the main congregation and the remainder in their own age-appropriate activities, with support of volunteers. Once a month the children would join the main congregation for the entire period of morning worship - a 'Family Service' aimed at all ages. This was designed to help the young people feel an integral part of the church family. The Church uses a mixture of modern and traditional styles of worship and music. Visitors and new congregation members are always welcome, greeted and invited to join the existing church family in conversation and refreshments at the end of the morning services.

The Church ran a series of house groups for the growth of faith and discipleship. The house groups would often follow a series or theme for a period. House groups also provided an opportunity for deepening fellowship relationships and prayer. Members have been encouraged to keep in touch with each other, by phone, email, post or (when allowed), visits, during the pandemic. The Deacons have also been encouraged to keep in touch with Church members as well as the wider Fellowship, during this period.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021 - continued

In March 2020 we were in the process of advertising for a new youth worker. Although the adverts ran through April, there was no response and it is intended to resume our search when it is safe to do so.

The Church ran various events for Young People between the ages of eleven and eighteen, including Elm Road Youth Club, known as 'ERYC'. This group has continued to meet via 'Zoom', throughout the year, after restrictions meant that they were unable to meet in person. They managed to meet, once, when the Church was allowed to re-open in December, and a number of young people met in the Church Sanctuary, socially distanced, for a time of fellowship.

The Church has thriving Scout and Guide Groups, consisting of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. They were all meeting regularly up until the pandemic restrictions were put in place. They were able to meet again, briefly last year, when restrictions were lifted, but closed again when lockdown was introduced. The groups have systems in place, ready to resume meeting in a Covid-safe environment, following extensive risk assessments and process planning

The other groups that had been meeting regularly, prior to the pandemic restrictions, included The Sew & Sews, a Board Games group and a Table Tennis club which was open to people of all ages from the local community.

The Church had been hiring out the halls for a number of community initiatives, including NCT groups, dance & yoga groups, children & young people's choir groups as well as educational activities. These have all had to stop throughout the pandemic but it is hoped that these will return as and when it is possible to do so.

The Church Admin team have been keeping in touch with all these groups, throughout the pandemic, informing them of any changes to the regulations. We have also received requests from new organisations, looking to hire the halls once safe to do so. All these organisations/groups have been/will be required to comply with the Church Covid Risk assessment, when re-opening is being considered. They will also be asked to provide their own risk assessment for their specific groups.

The Church continues to be a member of Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB), an organisation designed to bring co-operation and unity between local churches. The various events organised by CTiB (a Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' and various other joint acts of worship and initiatives to reach out to the local community), have not taken place over the past year but it is hoped that these will resume when safe to do so.

The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children are appropriately vetted with regard to the Disclosure and Barring Service and follows a Child Safeguarding Policy guided by the Baptist Union of Great Britain. The Policy is in the process of being updated to include vulnerable adults.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021 - continued

Achievements and Performance

The pandemic has severely restricted the ability of the Church to carry out their usual activities and objectives for the past year.

Due to the first Government lockdown, the decision was taken by the Trustees to close the Church on 22nd March 2020. The Church was re-opened on 13th September 2020, but, after listening to the advice from the UK Government & the Baptist Union, the decision was taken to close again on the 1st November 2020. Services recommenced on 6th December but were suspended again on the 14th December and a national lock down was announced by the government on the 4th January 2021.

Despite these restrictions, a number of initiatives have been carried out, to keep the fellowship involved in Church life, and to ensure the community know we are still up and running.

When we were originally required to close, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we started a weekly online service, led by the Minister. Other members also take part, supplying recordings of readings, prayers and the provision of songs and hymns. The Minister and his wife put the full service together and the recordings are made available through the Church website and through YouTube.

When we were allowed to re-open the Church, in September 2020, an 'in person' morning service was held, led by the Minister, with the relevant Covid restrictions in place. The online services also continued, as a number of Church members were unable to come to Church. As well as the Sunday services, other online services have also included those for Easter and Christmas.

A weekly, virtual, Prayer meeting has been taking place since June 2020, with the fellowship being sent the Zoom details in advance and invited to join.

We also have a fortnightly Sunday Zoom 'get together', to enable the fellowship to stay in touch with each other.

A monthly Prayer Diary is produced, to encourage the fellowship to pray for one another, as well as for relevant topics. This is emailed out via our Church database, to those who have given us permission to do so, and, for those without the technology, the diary is delivered by hand or by post.

The Fellowship have been encouraged to keep in contact with one another via phone calls, emails & letters. Some have ensured that cards/letters have been delivered at regular intervals to all in the fellowship.

We were able to hold an online 'Big Breakfast' to fundraise and promote the work of Christian Aid.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021 - continued

The Fellowship has been encouraged to continue their support of the Living Well charity that collects food and clothing for the homeless and for those in need. A number of individuals support this charity and, during the summer, we opened the Church to allow people to bring their food donations that were passed on to Living Well.

A 'Remembrance Wall' was created, inside the front doors of the Church, allowing people to supply a picture of a loved one they had lost during the year (not necessarily Covid related), and a chance to write a few words. This too was open to the community.

A 'prayer' email address was created, to allow people to send their specific prayer requests to the Minister and, where relevant, these are shared with the Fellowship. This was also made available to the wider community.

We are in the process of updating and modernising our Church website.

As part of our Sound & Vision Project, the sound desk was upgraded and re-positioned. Further work on this project is on hold as it was felt that it might be considered irresponsible to continue spending at this time when the Church is not able to be open.

A new Beckenham Baptist Church Men's group has been started, with the first meeting having been held via Zoom.

We continue to review our GDPR compliance and ensure we operate within the current guidelines.

At the date of this report, the Church membership is 73, with 3 members having passed away during the last year (non Covid related).

When the Church was allowed to open, attendance averaged 28, due the restrictions and the weekly online services were viewed by an average of 75 people.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 are attached to this report.

Covid-19 restrictions affected income but the Church continued to raise funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation, from investment income and from tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid scheme. Costs were carefully controlled and the Church finances also benefitted from a refund relating to the cost of Solar Panels expenditure which had been written off in earlier years.

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain a reserve fund of £50,000 to cover any unexpected needs. This would enable the charity to continue functioning for around three months in the case of emergency. The financial reports are reviewed monthly and considered for any potential risks. This policy has enabled the church to remain financially stable during the pandemic.

Reserves policy

The Trustees maintain a conservative Reserves Policy to ensure that all short term and long term commitments can be met in the current economic environment. Reserves constitute funds arising from income which becomes available to the charity and is to be spent at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity and which is not yet spent, committed, restricted or designated. Reserves are held to finance all liabilities and future development of the charity.

The Trustees wish to maintain a sufficient level of liquid unrestricted reserves so that there are adequate funds to meet all current and known liabilities ideally for a period of at least six months revenue expenditures.

Beckenham Baptist Church is extremely grateful for all the generous donations given throughout the year.

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 continued

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the incoming resources and application of the resources of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed and systems and procedures have been established to manage those risks.

This Report, and the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021, have been considered and approved by the Managing Trustees on 10th January 2022 for submission to a Church Members' Meeting for adoption.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees by the Church Secretary

D Short

D. Short - Trustee

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the charity (charity number 1134116) for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Name and address and qualification:

Roger Storey, 26 Cherry Orchard Road, Bromley, BR2 8NE
Fellow Chartered Management Account (FCMA)

Date: 10/01/2022

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

**(including Income and Expenditure
Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>31/03/2021 Total funds</u>	<u>31/03/2020 Total funds (see over)</u>
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies		43,836	0	43,836	56,004
Gift aid receipts		3,181	0	3,181	6,973
Investments income	2	39,795	0	39,795	74,025
Total incoming resources		86,812	0	86,812	137,002
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3	74,573	0	74,573	131,405
Total Resources Expended		74,573	0	74,573	131,405
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources Before Transfers		12,239	0	12,239	5,607
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		12,239	0	12,239	5,607
Total funds brought forward		78,856	0	78,856	73,249
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		91,095	0	91,095	78,856

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2021

		<u>31/03/2021</u>	<u>31/03/2020</u>
		£	
	Notes		
CURRENT ASSETS			
Deposits	4	11,252	11,252
Cash at bank and in hand		88,416	76,343
Tenant Deposit Scheme		1,494	1,494
Gift aid recoverable		0	6,973
Insurance paid in advance		1,538	0
		<u>102,700</u>	<u>96,062</u>
CREDITORS			
amounts falling due within one year	5	11,605	17,206
		<u>91,095</u>	<u>78,856</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>91,095</u>	<u>78,856</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>91,095</u>	<u>78,856</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		91,095	78,856
Restricted funds		0	0
		<u>91,095</u>	<u>78,856</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>91,095</u>	<u>78,856</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 16.01.2022

J Riddings

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

Notes	<u>31/03/2021</u> £	<u>31/03/2020</u> £
2 Investment income		
Lettings and rental income	39,688	73,896
Bank interest received	107	129
	39,795	74,025
3 Expenditure on charitable activities		
<u>Ministry costs</u>		
Minister's stipend	35,764	38,874
Youth workers costs	0	697
Minister's expenses	943	744
Travel expenses	0	1,195
Visiting preachers fees	0	2,255
Other costs	722	3,718
	37,429	47,483
<u>Premises costs</u>		
Heat and light	10,739	12,109
Council tax and water	3,237	2,381
Insurance	4,617	6,048
Caretaking and cleaning	0	6,363
Repairs and maintenance	13,507	22,479
Solar panels refund	-12,385	13,339
Other costs	1,934	2,533
	21,649	65,252
<u>Administrative costs</u>		
Donations and subscriptions	6,603	10,474
Office costs	5,893	1,805
Music and related costs	0	3,881
IT/website costs	254	1,020
Covid-19 expenses	968	0
Other costs	1,777	1,490
	15,495	18,670
TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE	74,573	131,405

BECKENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021 – continued

TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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Manse costs	943	5,775
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STAFF

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

1	<u>1</u>
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021 – continued

Notes

	<u>31/03/2021</u>	<u>31/03/2020</u>
4 CURRENT ASSETS	£	£
Deposit – London Baptist Property Board	6,720	6,720
Deposit – Baptist Union Corporation	4,532	4,532
	<u>11,252</u>	<u>11,252</u>
5 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Loan -Baptist Building Fund	11,200	16,800
Key deposits	185	185
Sundry creditors	220	220
	<u>11,605</u>	<u>17,205</u>