

WINCHMORE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1134122

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: Public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching; Baptism; Celebrating the Lord's Supper; Evangelism; Mission; Teaching, encouragement, inclusion of young people; Nurture of Christian disciples; Education and training for Christian and community service; pastoral care; Supporting and encouraging charitable social action; Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

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
- Enfield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£139,968	£106,761	-	-
2024-12-31	£117,125	£82,427	-	-
2023-12-31	£82,917	£80,084	-	-
2022-12-31	£75,611	£86,667	-	-
2021-12-31	£75,738	£71,462	-	-

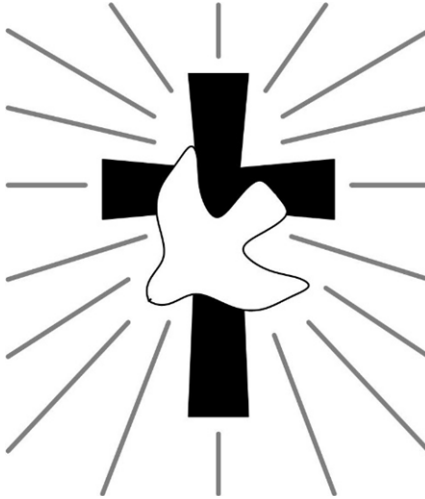
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Faith Lois Shaw		2025-03-29
John Clifford Burridge		2024-03-23
Rev Ebenezer Boakye		2018-12-01
SONIA YVONNE GUMBS		2025-03-29
Sandra Burt		2025-03-29
Tochi Udokporo		2025-03-29

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for the World*

Annual Report 2025

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Introduction

The Trustees have prepared the Annual Report to give an account of the Church's activities during 2025 to the Membership. It also fulfils the Church's legal requirement to submit an Annual Report to the Charity Commission. The report is divided into two parts:

Part 1 describes how the Church is organised and financed and gives details of the activities that are normally undertaken by the Church in fulfilling its charitable objective. This part is quite formal as much of the information is legally required to be included in the report.

Part 2 describes the activities and events that have taken place during 2025 and is much less formal. It aims to give a picture of the life of the Church and contributions have been included from a number of people.

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Charity Trustees:

Name	Role	Term	From (date elected)
Rev Ebenezer Boakye	Minister	Permanent	
John Burridge	Treasurer	3 years	23 rd March 2024
Sandra Burt	Secretary	3 years	29 th March 2025
Sonia Gumbs	Deacon	3 years	29 th March 2025
Richard Greenaway	Deacon	1 year	29 th March 2025
Tochi Udokporo	Deacon	3 years	29 th March 2025
Faith Shaw	Deacon	3 years	29 th March 2025

Custodian Trustee:

London Baptist Property Board Ltd

The Trust Company holds the deeds of the following properties:

- Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, Compton Road, London N21 3PA
- 29 Orpington Road, London N21 3PD

No property valuation has been undertaken on either property in recent years. The values shown in the accounts are the insured values.

Bankers:

- CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ
- HSBC Bank PLC, PO Box 131, 1 The Town, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6LD.

PART 1

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by an Approved Governing Document (known as the “Constitution”) which was adopted on 6th December 2009 and amended on 25th March 2023. The rules for the election of Charity Trustees and appointment of Members are given in the Constitution.

The Charity Trustees (‘Trustees’) are the Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Deacons. All of these are appointed by the Church Members’ Meeting. The Minister is a permanent employee of the Church. The remaining Trustees are elected from amongst the Membership and receive no remuneration.

The Trustees meet monthly and are responsible for the day to day running of the Church’s work and witness and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Members’ Meeting for guidance or may be raised by Members for further consideration by the Trustees.

The Church Members’ Meeting has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. There were 6 Ordinary Church Members’ Meetings in 2025 (including the Annual Church Members Meeting, sometimes referred to as the AGM).

All Members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. New Members are enrolled by agreement of the Church Members' Meeting, normally after baptism by immersion upon personal profession of faith, though Members may be accepted based on their own public profession of faith.

The job of managing the Church's finances is carried out by the Treasurer and assisted by the Finance Committee, whose responsibilities include paying the Church's bills and salaries, keeping financial records, claiming Gift Aid on donations from individuals where possible and preparing the accounts. A team of Cashiers ensure donations received at services are counted and recorded properly.

Appointment of Trustees

At the Annual Church Members' Meeting on 29th March 2025 Sandra Burt was elected as Deacon for a three-year period, Richard Greenaway was re-elected as Deacon for a one-year term and Tochi Udokporo and Faith Shaw were both elected as Deacons for the first time, each for a three-year period.

Sandra's willingness to serve as Secretary has been a great blessing to the church.

Objectives and Activities

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In fulfilling this purpose, the Church aims to engage in activities including:

- Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching.
- Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's declaration of principle.
- The Communion of the Lord's Supper
- Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally
- The teaching, inclusion, welcome and encouragement of young people
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples
- Education and training for Christian and community service
- Giving and encouraging pastoral care
- Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad.
- Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am and occasionally at other times. All services are open to the public and the times are advertised on the Church's notice board and on the internet. Members of the congregation are encouraged to invite their friends and relatives. Additional publicity is distributed for special services at Christmas and Easter. There is no charge to attend any worship service.

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During 2025 the monthly in-person Prayer Meeting and the mid-week zoom-based Prayer and Bible Study Group have continued, albeit it with small numbers. In the last quarter of 2025, Church Members ran an Alpha Course which was attended by up to 8 individuals including several with no previous links to the church.

The Church has a close relationship with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and provides free use of the premises for their activities as well as hosting a number of joint events.

The Minister, who is a paid employee of the Church, is responsible for leading and co-ordinating the Church's activities including the Sunday services, providing pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and equipping and encouraging the membership in their Christian faith, witness and service.

All the remaining work necessary for the operation of the Church is carried out by volunteers, including organisation of and participation in activities, cleaning, preparation and maintenance of the premises, administration, pastoral visits, prayer, financial duties, and others. A list of all those who serve the church in these ways and take on responsibilities is given in the document 'Positions of Responsibility'. Many of those who organise activities have written their own account of them, and these have been compiled together in part 2 of this report.

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and abroad. This includes one Church Member and his wife, who are working as missionaries in Japan. The Church is a member of *the Baptist Union of Great*

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Britain and the London Baptist Association and supports other Baptist churches through contributions to the Home Mission fund. The Church also supports local education charity *Pathway* and is a member of *Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Grange Park*, through which it participates in activities with other churches in the area.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, and we believe that the activities of the Church which are described above provide significant public benefit in line with that guidance. It has always been the desire of the Church to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

Financial Review

Once again, the Lord has shown His faithfulness; not least through Church Members and others who have generously continued to support the church with their prayers, time, and/or money but also from a consistently higher level of receipts from letting out its premises.

Although the Church budgeted for the General Fund to be in deficit again in 2025, at the end of the year it is in surplus and additional funds exist to be used for the purposes of the Church, as may be decided by the Church Members.

The table below shows the opening & closing balances for each fund, along with total receipts and payments.

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	B/Fwd	Receipts	Payments	Fund Transfers	Current
	01-Jan-25	Total	Total	Total	Balances
Manse Buildings	7,908.50	12,055.00	(14,629.00)	335.25	5,669.75
A Collins Funeral	1,334.96	321.24	0.00	0.00	1,656.20
Buildings Fund	8,496.70	1,711.00	(6,624.98)	6,000.00	9,582.72
Not used	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fellowship Fund	2,267.46	0.00	(700.00)	0.00	1,567.46
GENERAL FUND	92,069.95	100,095.64	(80,199.84)	(4,719.00)	107,246.75
Harvest 24	0.00	452.09	(452.09)	0.00	0.00
Harvest 25	0.00	1,975.94	(1,975.94)	0.00	0.00
LBA Home Mission	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	0.00
Legacies	438.05	20,000.00	(438.05)	0.00	20,000.00
Thank Offering 24	0.00	670.50	(335.25)	(335.25)	0.00
Thank Offering 25	0.00	2,562.00	(1,281.00)	(1,281.00)	0.00
Youth Fund	633.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	633.96
	113,149.58	139,968.41	(106,761.15)	0.00	146,356.84

The total of all current balances reconciles to cash held across the bank accounts and the deposit account held by the Church.

A Gift Aid claim will be made in 2026 and the amount received will be allocated to each fund as appropriate.

Manse Buildings

The Manse Buildings fund is a designated fund, set up in response the Church Members' Meeting on 23rd March 2024, when Members' agreed that 50% of donations made as a Thank Offering at the Church Anniversary (in May 2024) be allocated to the church's General Fund and designated to be spent on maintenance & renewals work required at the Manse.

To administer this, a Thank Offering 24 fund was set up in the accounts and once closed to donations, 50% of the Thank Offering 24 fund was transferred to the Manse Buildings fund. Gift Aid on 2024 donations was recovered in 2025 and added to the fund, both directly and by a further transfer from the Thank Offering 24 fund.

The Church is thankful to a generous Church Member who made a single large donation to cover the full cost of

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replacement windows to the front of the Manse. This was carried out and completed in 2025, and the donation was expended entirely on that work.

Other work, notably insulation of the loft, was carried out and completed in 2025, using up part of the fund. Thanks go to Keith Richardson for managing this process on behalf of the Church.

The fund remains open for other donations, recognising that other works are required, including some structural work to cracks in brickwork, external rendering/cladding, roofing, and other external works.

Albert Collins' Funeral

This is a restricted fund. The A. Collins Funeral fund was set up at the request of the wife of the late Albert Collins, Inez Collins, to administer donations made to Winchmore Hill Baptist Church in memory of Albert. By a note on the Order of Service, attendees of the funeral on 27th September 2024 were invited to make donations and subsequent to this Inez clarified that the funds collected should be used for upgrading works on the Carey Hall toilets.

The process of defining the works and obtaining quotes has been delayed and is on-going and no payments have been made from the fund yet. Gift Aid on 2024 donations was recovered in 2025 and added to the fund. The restrictive nature of the fund reflects Inez Collins' specific wishes.

Buildings Fund

This is a designated fund. The fund is set up to account for the cost of annual servicing & inspections and general maintenance, of both the Church buildings and the Church Manse at 29 Orpington Road, London N21, where the pastor and his family live.

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As budgeted, £6,000 was transferred to this fund, from the General Fund, to cover annual servicing & inspections and general maintenance costs.

Payments in 2025 included £1,595 for works to the Clifford Wood Room floor, which was competitively tendered and awarded to K & GN Ltd (T/A WJ Norman and Sons) by Church Members' on 29th September 2024. There is a potential for a conflict of interest relating to payment to K & GN Ltd., and the Trustees adopt procedures to manage this. K & GN also carried out a small amount of insurance work on the Manse and provided new lighting to Carey Hall more cost-effectively than direct from suppliers.

The fund benefitted from a few special donations in 2025 along with a small amount of Gift Aid recovered on 2024 donations.

Although problems with Carey Hall floor persist, payments for buildings maintenance were limited in 2025, to annual servicing & inspection of gas boilers & heaters, the fire alarm as well as few other ad-hoc items/materials.

Carey Hall is an important source of Lettings income for the Church and the persistent nature of problems with the floor is a matter of concern. The Church is grateful to those who have given time & energy to carry out DIY jobs and keep the cost of buildings maintenance down.

The fund balance has grown in the year, by around £1,000 and the priority is to spend this money wisely to support the Church's own use of its buildings but also to continue to support Lettings.

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We continue with an approach in which funding or other resourcing is in place before more substantial works are undertaken and donations to the Buildings Fund are always welcomed.

Fellowship Fund

This is a restricted fund, which in common with other Baptist Churches, was set up many years ago to provide a source of funds to be used at the discretion of the Trustees – usually the pastor and treasurer – for the poor of the church or congregation.

Although small Special Donations and Loose Offerings are occasionally made to this fund, receipts come mostly from a share of a payment received from the Captain Pierce Johns Trust (CPJT). Although not specified by the Trust Deed, to reflect the purposes of the Trust receipts from it are allocated 25% to this Fellowship Fund and 75% to the General Fund, specifically towards the cost of employing a minister.

The expected contribution from CPJT is overdue and was not received in 2025. Without it, the balance has fallen in the year, as ad-hoc gifts have been made from the fund.

General Fund

This is an unrestricted fund. The Church's reserve policy remains as approved in 2018 and dictates we retain a minimum of six months expenditure plus a further £10,000 to allow for emergency building repairs. Based on budgeted levels of expenditure going into 2026, this equates to around £54,000.

The church has no separate reserves fund but holds surplus funds within the General Fund. At the start of 2025, the General Fund balance was just over £92,000 and by the end of the year

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it had risen to just over £107,000. £110,618 is held on deposit and earning interest with the London Baptist Property Board.

Having approved a budget deficit of £12,460, the accounts for 2025 show a final surplus of £15,177 mainly due to higher than budgeted Receipts from Lettings and from Regular Offerings. Higher Receipts from Interest, Special Donation, and a transfer from the Thank Offering 25 fund also contributed to the improved position. Overall, Payments were just within budget too.

Loose Offerings were as budgeted and slightly below 2024 levels but as mentioned, Regular Offerings were above both budget and 2024 levels, supported by a small number of significant benefactors.

Although less than budgeted, total Payments have continued to rise, due to inflation in Ministry and Premises costs. We are starting to see some reduction in energy rates. Payments for Mission, which is mostly donations, has not been increased for several years and in 2025 were the same. However, Church Members decides to 'tithe' the 2024 surplus and an unbudgeted £2,000 was donated to supported mission.

The percentage split of all Payments made from the General Fund is as follows: -

• Ministry costs, incl. Minister's Stipend	51%
• Mission, mostly donations	20%
• Premises insurance, upkeep, fuel & cleaning	27%
• Organisation	2%
	100%

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Harvest 24

This is a restricted fund. It was set up to administer donations made at, or in response to, the Harvest Service on 22nd September 2024. Members at the Church Members' Meeting on 2nd June 2024 agreed that the whole of the Harvest Offering be paid to Operation Agri.

The only receipt in 2025 was Gift Aid recovered on donations made in 2024 and the zero balance reflects the fact that the full amount received was paid to Operation Agri in 2025. The fund is now fully closed.

Harvest 25

This is a restricted fund. It was set up in 2025 to administer donations made at, or in response to, the Harvest Service in 2025.

An administrative error was made in that whilst the fund was publicly declared, in advance of the Harvest Service, to be for the full benefit of Operation Agri, this was not formally agreed by the Church Members until after the Service, at the Church Member' Meeting on 28th September 2025.

The zero balance reflects the fact that the full amount received was paid to Operation Agri in 2025. The fund is closed to further donations but left open to received Gift Aid recovered on donations made in 2025, which will be claimed in 2026.

LBA Home Mission

This is a restricted fund, used to administer occasional Special Donations to the work of the London Baptist Home Mission, which the Church also supports as part of its budgeted World Mission giving.

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Traditionally, funds have been collected around Christmas, when Church Members donate the cost of postage saved by distributing cards through a simple sorting process, rather than through the post.

The fund remains open and the zero balance reflects the fact that a full payment from this fund was paid to the LBA Home Mission in 2025.

Legacies

This is an unrestricted fund. The opening balance reflected the amount remaining from a gift from the estate of the late Arthur Shriever who passed away in 2017. Church Members agreed to put this balance towards the cost of a new Windows 11 computer for use during services, which was purchased in November 2025.

Also in November 2025, the fund received an additional £20,000, which was a gift from the estate of the late Coral Burridge who, with her husband Cliff Burridge (who died in 2015), were both long-standing, active Members of the Church.

There is no restriction on this fund, which is therefore available for the Church to use at its discretion.

Thank Offering 24

This is a restricted fund. The 'Thank Offering 24' fund was set up to administer donations made as a thank offering at the Church Anniversary, held in May 2024. At the Church Members' Meeting on 23rd March 2024, Members agreed that 50% of donations be transferred to the Church's General Fund and designated to be spent on maintenance & renewals work required at the Manse and 50% be paid to the Church's Boys' Brigade organisation.

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The only receipt in 2025 was Gift Aid recovered on donations made in 2024 and the zero balance reflects the fact that the amount received was transferred/paid out in line with Church Members' original agreement. The fund is now fully closed.

Thank Offering 25

This is a restricted fund. It was set up in 2025 to administer donations made as a thank offering at the Church Anniversary, held in June 2025.

At the Church Members' Meeting on 25th May 2025, Members agreed that 50% of donations be transferred to the Church's General Fund and 50% be paid to the charity Christians Against Poverty ('CAP').

The zero balance reflects the fact that the full amount received was transferred/paid out in line with Church Members' original agreement. The fund is closed to further donations but left open to receive Gift Aid recovered on donations made in 2025, which will be claimed in 2026.

Youth Fund

This is a restricted fund. The balance reflects the amount remaining from a grant provided by the Jack Petchey Foundation some years ago. The grant was made as a contribution to the Church's youth work, and its use is restricted to the purchase of equipment or payment towards the direct costs of the youth work.

Main Concerns of the Trustees

1. In line with the principal purpose of the Church, our chief concern is to continue to love God through obedience to Him and, by committing ourselves more fully to bible study, to prayer, to worship and to sharing the love He has shown to us with others, to allow Him to be at work through us in spreading the gospel.
2. To continue to trust God in all things, to recognise His faithfulness and express our thankfulness to Him.
3. To continue to be a Church that supports world mission in line with our World Mission statement.
4. To continue to grow as a Church: to encourage greater engagement in Church activities and see more of the Church involved in our own, local outreach.
5. To encourage children and young people to have and develop a personal relationship with their heavenly Father and be integrated into the Church. Discussion on taking on a youth worker/youth pastor, includes how this might be funded.
6. To continue to benefit from letting out our premises for purposes that do not compromise our objectives.
7. To address the on-going immediate and future needs of the church buildings and manse, to use funds made available wisely.

We also recognise our need to progress compliance of our administration with Charity Commission requirements and as part of this we have recently established a simple Finance Policy. The Trustees continue to work on other areas.

Finally, I am grateful Philip Stainer, who agreed again this year to conduct an Independent Examination of the 2025 Accounts, on a voluntary basis.

John Burridge

PART 2

Pastor's Report

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is with gratitude to God that I present this report as a summary for the past year. As we gather for this Annual Church Meeting, we reflect on God's faithfulness, celebrate the progress we have made together, and look forward in faith to the year ahead (2026), beholding the theme "The Unwavering Faith".

The year (2025) has been one of continued spiritual growth and deepening commitment among our members which was reflected in the increase of number of participants in bible studies, prayer meetings and church attendance. We thank God for His faithfulness and guidance throughout the year.

Sunday Services

Our Sunday worship services have remained the heart of our church life and it's marked by:

- Christ centred messages and the teaching of God's Word
- Meaningful times of prayer and Spirit filled worship.
- Sacraments
- Growing congregational participation
- Welcoming church

The sermons focused on the 2025 theme "Opened Doors". Aside from occasionally inviting guest preachers from different churches, our committed in-house preachers like Pastor Nana, Benne, and Innocent have immensely helped deliver sermons and teachings through the power of the Holy Spirit. Members often go home feeling encouraged and motivated after service

because the sermons encourage personal growth, positive change and a renewed hope.

We have witnessed spiritual milestones including three persons who were baptised, publicly declaring their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We give glory to God and celebrate this new life in Christ that those individuals enjoy.

God faithfully added to our number almost every week and we're most grateful to Him. Our Sunday services are aimed to glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we have received many testimonies regarding that. Our services are also designed to be spiritually uplifting and to make room for everybody to attend. We want members to be strengthened in faith and in unity. We want to encourage continued devotion to God by the power of the Holy Spirit and practically living a life that reflects Christian values.

Following the Sunday service members of the congregation gather for a period of fellowship and social interaction. This time of socialising provides an opportunity for members to connect, encourage each another and strengthen relationships within the church community.

Bible Studies

Our Bible studies have continued to nurture spiritual maturity. Special thanks to all those who have faithfully served in this ministry. We meet fortnightly online, to build relationships and help each other explore what it means to live out the Christian life of discipleship, daily. Typical meetings include Bible-based discussions, laughter, questions, contributions and prayers. We have finished the "*MasterLife*" study materials. It was enriching and spiritually uplifting, it provided in depth knowledge, encouragement and practical guidance for living as a disciple of Christ.

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We're now journeying through the book Galatians which remains vital for understanding Christian freedom, grace, and identity. Our main aim is to gain a deeper understanding of

- Justification by faith
- The Role of the Law
- Freedom in Christ
- Fruit of the Spirit

Studying the epistle of Galatians will strengthen our personal faith and spiritual growth and help us to stand firm in the truth of the Gospel, apply the principles found in it in our daily lives and share our faith with others.

Prayer

I thank God for the gift and privilege of corporate prayer in our church. The prayer meeting continues to be a vital pillar of our spiritual life and ministry. As Scripture reminds us in Acts 2:42, the early church devoted themselves to prayer, and we have sought to follow that same pattern. We have continued with intercession prayers during Sunday Church Services and our fortnightly online Prayer Meetings from 8pm-9pm with average number of 10 in attendance. We hold 30-minute prayer sessions in the Elsie Silby Room before the Sunday service starts and prayer for individuals who want to be prayed for at the "Prayer Corner" after the service. We also thank God for sustaining our monthly in-person prayer meetings.

We are committed members of the Churches Together in the community, where we join fortnightly online to pray on various topics and issues. We have continued our three times year prayers and fasting in January, July, and December. In each period, we set aside one week for prayer, fasting, and reflection. We've seen and heard many testimonies of those prayers. The

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testimonies often involve healing, protection, provision, and victories.

We are grateful for the faithfulness of all those who consistently attended and carried the church in prayer. Your commitment has been a spiritual strength to our congregation. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen and guide us all. Throughout the year, we intentionally prayed for:

- Spiritual growth and revival within our church
- Church leadership and ministry teams/BU/LBA
- Families, marriages, and youth
- The sick and bereaved
- Our community and UK/ Nations
- Missionaries and outreach efforts

We give thanks to God for tangible answers to prayer, including healing and recovery of members, restoration in families and provision in times of financial need. These testimonies remind us that God hears and answers when His people call upon Him.

Evangelism and Outreach

As a church, we have sought to fulfil the Great Commission through evangelism and mission. The purpose of our evangelism outreach was to spread the Gospel, share the love of Christ and invite people to fellowship with us.

Methods of evangelism and outreach is as follows:

- Street Witnessing
- Distribution of Flyers
- Open Day
- Visitation ministry
- Support of missions (local and global)

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We thank all members who have given their time, resources, and prayers to extend Christ's love beyond our church walls. We trust God will continue to add to our number as we remain faithful.

Pastoral Care

Providing spiritual and practical support remains a central responsibility of pastoral ministry. Throughout the year, we have conducted hospital and home visits, provided counselling and prayer support and supported families during times of bereavement and crisis. I am grateful to my leadership team and the entire membership of the church, particularly Sonia Gumbs who has assisted tremendously in pastoral care.

We had bereavements in the Church last year; a committed Member (Coral Burridge) went to be with the Lord, and another long member (Winnifred) lost her husband. As a church family, I'm proud to say that we offered support, prayer, and comfort to both families. The bereaved families expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the entire Church for our kindness and the attention we gave them.

Challenges Faced

As a church we are not immune from the challenges that churches all over the Country are facing. But these difficulties tested our faith, unity, leadership and commitment to our mission. However, those challenges also provide opportunities for growth, reflection and spiritual maturity. While we thank God for His faithfulness, we recognise areas for improvement and growth:

- Inconsistent church attendance
- Lack of an established youth ministry
- Lack of participation of young people in our services

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These challenges encourage us to renew our emphasis on the importance of corporate prayer in the life of the church.

Youth Worker

In 2025 the church began a process to search for and appoint a suitable Youth Worker on part time basis. The purpose of this search was to find a committed individual who can lead, guide, and support the spiritual and personal development of young people within the church.

As a church we value the importance of prayer, therefore we initiated prayers with the purpose of seeking God's face for wisdom and guidance in identifying the right person to serve and lead the young people and develop the youth ministry in the church.

In our discussions in Deacons' and Church Members' Meetings we felt the next step is to appoint individuals responsible for coordinating the process of finding a suitable Youth Worker and look at profiles/ job description. We had two committed members of the church who volunteered to coordinate the process. They contacted Oak Hill College which is one of the few colleges around us. They reported back to us with a letter from the college which asked they be provided with more details about the role so that this can be placed on their bulletin board.

We held an extra Church Meeting that focused on:

- Reflection on where we are,
- What direction is God leading us?
- Commitment to continue prayers

Many church members attended the meeting, which was very encouraging. The response from the congregation showed a strong commitment to supporting the youth ministry through

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prayer, spiritual encouragement, and careful evaluation. After the meeting, majority of the church members agreed that it would be beneficial to appoint a Youth Worker to support the youth ministry.

We remain committed to continued prayer as we trust God to guide us in appointing a Youth Worker. We believe that through prayer and faith, God will lead the church in strengthening the youth ministry and nurturing the next generation.

Looking Forward

Although the year 2025 presented many obstacles, as a church (WHBC) we remained steadfast and trusted God in every step of the way. We beheld the theme “Opened Door” always before us to fulfil our mission mandate.

In addition to WHBC concerns highlighted in this report, we shall also focus on:

- Unwavering Faith
- Trusting in God
- Practicing Obedience
- The Promise of God
- Expanding evangelism effort
- Establish home groups.

These can be achieved through this year’s theme “THE UNWAVERING FAITH”. “Unwavering faith is not a feeling or wishful thought. It is a force, an unshakeable conviction that what God has said, He will do. Unwavering faith is not based on what we see but what we believe” Our prayer is that we will continue to grow not only in numbers, but in spiritual depth, unity, love and faith.

Conclusion

I want to personally thank each member for your faithfulness, prayers, encouragement, and service. Ministry is never the work of the minister alone or one person, it is the shared calling of the whole body of Christ. Therefore, I encourage every member to see prayer and work in WHBC not as an optional activity, but as a shared responsibility and privilege because a praying church is a powerful church.

It should be noted that the strength of a church is not measured only by attendance or programs, but by its dependence on God and the submission to the Holy Spirit “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, Says the LORD of hosts. (Zac 4:6). May we continue to seek the Lord wholeheartedly in the year ahead.

As we enter 2026, let us do so with faith, expectation, and unity. The Lord who has been faithful to us in the past will continue to guide us by His Holy Spirit into the future. May this year’s theme challenge us to grow deeper in Christ and stronger together as His church.

Rev Ebenezer Boakye

Secretary’s Report

2025 started with the Church Motto & Theme for the year, “Opened Doors”. This echoes the message in Revelation 3:8 which offers a powerful promise to the church in Philadelphia, highlighting that even with “little strength,” faithfulness to God’s word and loyalty to His name leads to opened doors of opportunity that no one can close. It is a call to trust God’s sovereignty, relying on His strength rather than our own.

We are encouraged that the Lord is hearing our continued prayer and we have had new faces joining the congregation and

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witnessed three baptisms. For the first time in several years our membership has grown numerically and there are new applications for membership with several membership visits planned for 2026.

We continue to facilitate the sharing of worship over Zoom for those who are not always able to attend in person. In addition, our weekly newsletters have been a useful tool to promote up and coming events and share devotionals and scripture of the week with our community and congregation. We recognise the benefits of an effective website and that it is a great way for people and potential visitors to find out about us. Unfortunately, managing this area has been a challenge. We are grateful that we are able to post our publicity for example, our Easter, Harvest and Christmas services. We recognise the benefits of an effective website and aim to put systems in place to expand its use to help us connect with the community.

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Coral Burridge a faithful and cherished member and former Church Secretary. We celebrated her life with former Pastors with whom she worked as Church Secretary. Coral had been involved with our church for over eighty years making it almost a 'second home' for her since childhood. With this experience and detailed research, she penned 'A Wilderness Journey', The Winchmore Hill Baptist Story.

The husband of our member Winifred Hines also went to be with our Lord, and she was grateful for the support from the church.

We welcomed Tochi Udokporo and Faith Shaw to our diaconate, and vacancy for a Church Secretary was filled by Sandra Burt.

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On Sunday morning, 15th June, we celebrated our Church Anniversary with a time of informal worship and prayer. The service was followed by an international bring-and-share lunch.

Our pastor, Ebenezer, took a well-earned break and spent approximately five weeks in West Ghana, over October and November.

It is a great privilege for me to serve as Church Secretary, alongside a prayerful Diaconate.

Sandra Burt.

Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Grange Park ('CTPGWH+GP')

The local Churches Together group in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Grange Park provides opportunities for the different churches to worship, work, have fellowship and witness together. Each church is represented at the regular Forum meetings by the minister of the church and one of the members.

The year started, as usual, with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which begins with the Feast of St Peter on the 18th January and concludes on the 25th January with the Feast of St Paul. Instead of meeting for prayer each morning in each of the churches in the group, this year Churches Together held a "Songs of Praise" service hosted by St Paul's, Winchmore Hill. Someone from each of the churches present introduced a hymn and gave a short talk on reasons for their choice, before the congregation sang it. This was a wonderful service and was very well attended with over 100 people present. It was good to get to know people from the other churches over refreshments afterwards.

At the beginning of Lent, the different churches were able to "Launch Lent Together" with a meeting at Winchmore Hill URC. Rev Jim Gascoigne and Rev Julie Coleman led a very meaningful reflection on the miracle of the Pool of Bethesda.

The different churches were again able to demonstrate our unity, on the Good Friday Walk of Witness. Our section of the Walk of Witness started at Winchmore Hill Green, and we finished at St Monica's Catholic Church where we joined the other section from Palmer's Green for a short open-air service followed by refreshments, including hot cross buns.

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Rev. Jim Gascoigne stepped down from the role of chairperson of our Churches Together Group after the Walk of Witness. We are very grateful for all that he has done during his time as Chairperson. We are also very grateful that Rev Paul Weary from Grange Park Methodist Church has volunteered to take over this role.

St Monica's was able again to hold their evening of quiet reflection on the meaning of the Cross with help from the music of their Worship Band and readings telling the story of the events of Good Friday

The Churches Together Prayer Meeting has continued to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to pray for the different churches and the needs of our area, which we do on Zoom. The members, although small in number are very committed and there is a real sense of fellowship and friendship.

It has been a privilege being WHBC's representative for the local group of Churches Together. My faith has been encouraged and strengthened by meeting and working with Christians from the local churches, many of whom have become friends.

Carin Blunn

10th Enfield Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Company

Our Vision is that children and young people experience 'life to the full' through coming to know Jesus for themselves (John 10:10). All that we do as a group is focused on this, having faith in young people, providing them with opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian Faith.

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We've had another great year, maintaining a steady number with nearly 50 children and young people engaging in our weekly activities across all age groups.

As we headed towards the summer all age groups were able to get out and about and enjoy a range of offsite activities at the park, foot golf, kayaking, adventure golf and a whole lot more. 14 of our Juniors joined in the Enfield Battalion Weekend Away in June at Gilwell Park Activity Centre in Chingford, which offered a range of activities onsite including zip wires, climbing, raft building and more.

Towards the end of June, we had some visitors join us for our Thursday night programme with our Juniors. A film crew from Eight Engines, a filming company based in Salford were with us for the evening, capturing everything we got up to - including making pizzas and cooking them in our outdoor pizza oven, building Bird Boxes, playing games and a whole lot more. We had a great night, one of the hottest days of the year, and are looking forward to seeing the footage in future BB Headquarters promotional and support videos.

In July, at our Parade Service, we explored the Miracle of Jesus Feeding the 5000 and presented our Annual Awards recognising the achievements of all the children and young people from over the last 12 months. This was a great time together which saw parents and the wider church congregation able to see all that we had been up to during the session.

After finishing for the summer, we still had our Annual Summer Camp in Norfolk to look forward to, with 16 boys and girls from our Company along with some young people from 3rd Enfield and 4th Barnet Companies join us for the weeklong adventure. It was our largest Summer Camp for years, enjoying a wide range of activities including Surfing, High Ropes Course, Swimming, Canoeing on the Norfolk Broads, a day at

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Pleasurewood Hills theme park and a whole lot more. During the week our devotions were themed around how God Journeys with us, with a number of leaders involved in leading these.

Our Summer Camp marked the end of an era for setting up our Static Campsite at Beeston Regis Caravan Park, which the Company has been running for over 35 years. Originally started as a fundraiser and to enable our own Company to be able to go on Summer Camp, over the years it has evolved from a much smaller offering (camps of around 25-40 people), to a site in 2025 which has 12+ large ridge tents, a large marquee and cookhouse, toilets, showers and a whole lot more, offering camps for up to 100 people. With an average of 4 weeks of camping every year (with the exception of a few years, due to foot & mouth and covid) so many BB Companies and thousands of young people have had the opportunity to enjoy this fantastic clifftop campsite. It was a difficult decision, but with rising costs and the ever-increasing work to setup and manage the site, we had to take this difficult decision. We will hopefully be able to return to Norfolk for our own Summer Camp at some point in the future.

In September, we got involved with Palmers Green Festival held at Broomfield Park, helping to promote our group and recruit new members. It was a lovely sunny day, and we offered a range of activities for children and young people and spoke to a number of new recruits.

Our weekly meetings restarted in September, with all age groups getting straight back into things.

A group of our Seniors started out on their Duke of Edinburgh's Award just before the Summer, and at the end of September, they completed their assessed Expedition for their Bronze Award. Walking 21 miles across 2 days, they stayed overnight at Phasels Wood Activity Centre. The group all did really well to

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complete the expedition and have been continuing throughout the session to complete other sections for the award.

At the beginning of October, a group of 13 Juniors spent the weekend at Gulliver's World in Milton Keynes as part of Juniors BIG Sleepover event. They enjoyed two days of rides and sleeping over at the theme park as part of a special hosted sleepover along with around 100 BB/GA members from across England.

Our Annual Enrolment Celebration took place in the middle of October, which saw over 25 children and young people in Church along with a good number of parents. During the service we learned that when our hearts are like good soil — ready to listen and grow — God can do amazing things in us. It was a special time as always when we come together to celebrate and rededicate ourselves, and the partnership with the Church for the year ahead.

October was a busy month, with a group of 25 young people and leaders attending England v Wales football match at Wembley Stadium – a great opportunity for all that attended. Later in the month, a small group of our Seniors joined with others from across London for a day of Paintballing.

Moving into November, all age groups came together for our Fireworks & Bonfire Party at The Scout Field in Fords Grove, which included a roaring bonfire, marshmallow toasting, glow sticks, hot chocolate, sparklers and to finish it off a fireworks display. On Remembrance Sunday we came together for our morning service, which was led by the Brigades, and as part of the service everyone lit candles and placed them in the shape of a heart to remind us of Jesus' command "Love each other as I have loved you". This was something that we also thought about in our weekly meetings in the week leading on from this. BB/GA members also joined other groups from across Enfield in

the afternoon at a Civic Service at the War Memorial in Enfield Town.

As I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Here was on our TV screens, we ran themed nights for all age groups, with various challenges for the children & young people to win stars and be crowned Kings/Queens of the Jungle 2025. This year's games included Disaster Chef, Screw Loose, Wobbly Madness, Star Feet, Flying Cockroaches and Jungle Alphabeti. We also took time to unpack what the bible says about taking on challenges, thinking about how we conquer our fears (Isaiah 41:10).

Both our Company and Senior boys took part in UK National 5-a-Side Football Competitions, whilst our Company team didn't make it on from the first round, our Senior team progressed through to the UK & ROI Finals to take place later in the year.

In December, our Christmas Fayre took place alongside the Church Open Day raising over £400 for Company funds. As a Company we also supported the Firs Farm Community Christmas Event by providing some activities and raising money to support the installation of a sensory garden.

We're pleased to have been able to support Help For Hunger this Christmas by putting together Hampers for two families. Our young people and their families have donated food and other items over the last few weeks. Members of our staff team were also involved in helping with the sorting and distribution of 100's of hampers to schools across North London via our minibus.

As we headed further towards Christmas 15+ young people from our group took part in the Parade of Light in Enfield Town. Our Christmas Trailer Collection got us out in the community in the run up to Christmas with our Company and Senior members helping to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice as

well as Company funds. We're pleased to have been able to raise over £3500 this year.

In January we were pleased to welcome some special visitors join us at BB/GA, the team from Wild Fangs came along and gave us the amazing chance to learn about, see up close, and even hold some incredible creatures, including Boa Constrictor, African Bullfrog, Bearded Dragon and other animals.

Our young people have also enjoyed events run by Enfield Battalion including a Quiz & Pizza Night, Bowling competition, and Anchors Colouring competition.

In January, we were proud to see two members of our Seniors age group attend an Awards ceremony at City Hall in London. Cooper and Jack were presented with their Jack Petchey Achievement Awards – a fantastic recognition of all they have achieved during their time in BB. As a Company, we were also honoured to be nominees in two other categories at the awards event including Fundraisers of the Year and Community Impact Award. We were delighted to be announced as the Winners of the 'Fundraisers of the Year' Award, for raising over £15,000 for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice over the last 10 years through our annual Christmas Collection. We were also proud to be a Runner-Up in the 'Community Impact Award', recognising our involvement with Help for Hunger – putting together two hampers for local families and supporting the distribution of hundreds more using our minibus. A truly fantastic day celebrating the achievements of our young people.

In February, our children & young people along with a number of parents/family members joined the wider congregation for a Parade Service. The service was led by the BB/GA reflecting on how we are called to be Jesus' hands and feet, following His example of love and service and inspired by Jesus washing His disciples' feet. In response, everyone was asked to write

something on a hand and a heart paper cut-out and bring these up and place them on a cross at the front of the church, as a reminder to serve, love, and pray for others. During the service we shared that a group of our young people will be heading to Mexico this summer to help build a home for a family living in poverty. The young people spoke about what they are looking forward to and asked for the church's support through prayer and giving as they prepare for this life-changing trip.

13 Company/Senior members joined members from across Enfield on a Weekend Away at Frith Grange Activity Centre in Barnet. A great weekend was had by all, with a range of activities including, swimming, laser combat, bonfire, devotions, quiz and Top Golf to mention just some of the activities.

At the end of February, as part of our fundraising to support our young people heading to Mexico in the summer, 70+ people attended our Annual Quiz Night. It was particularly special this year, with our Seniors doing an incredible job setting everything up and cooking a fantastic meal, we raised over £900, all going to support their fundraising.

Our Seniors 5-a-Side Football team went up to Nottingham in early March to take place in UK & ROI Finals. The team, who were undefeated in the previous round of the competition, and Champions of England, gave everything on the day, but were up against some tough competition from across Scotland and Northern Ireland. We are so proud of the boys who finished 6th place overall, out of 56 teams that started out in the competition.

Our weekly programmes and residentials include opportunities for us to share the good news and get into the Bible, engaging with children and young people who otherwise wouldn't come across the doorstep of the Church. We have continued to do this throughout the last 12 months, helping them to explore the Bible and providing them with opportunities to have a personal

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encounter with Jesus. We have faith that through their journey with us, as leaders through the relationships we build and programme, we offer that we may be able to plant a seed, which will one day bear fruit (Mark 4). We are thankful for the prayers and support from the wider Church for all that goes on week by week.

As an example of our weekly programme of activities, recently in the lead up to Shrove Tuesday all our age groups focused on the beginning of Lent, exploring the journey Jesus went on as we head towards Easter. Our Juniors have been exploring a number of parables over recent weeks, including The Good Samaritan (including acting it out in groups). Our Company/Seniors age group also continues to spend time exploring the bible through their devotional times, examples of this have included: Feeding 5000 (Matthew 14), Judging Others (Matthew 7:1) and Forgiveness (Matthew 18:22)

As always, our weekly programmes contain a wide range of activities, and this is just a selection of what else we have been up to recently, including making Bacon & Cheese Twists (Juniors), (Company/Seniors), making onion bhaji's (Company/Seniors), getting involved in UK Parliament Week (Juniors), taking on a Chocolate theme (Anchors), playing electronic darts on our new board (Juniors/Company), taking on World Record Challenges (Juniors/Company/Seniors) and a whole lot more.

The Anchors age group meets on a Tuesday evening and continues to run a programme including games, crafts, devotions and other interests. The Anchors age group is led by Philip Norman and Tina Stanley. There are currently 7 boys and girls in Anchors. During the year we have had some of our Seniors helping as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's volunteering, including Jack and Cooper.

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The remainder of the girls age groups (Juniors and Company) also meet on Tuesday evening, led by Jackie Norman and supported by Kevin Norman. There are currently 10 girls in this age group.

The boys Juniors age group meets on Thursday evening and the programme includes games, crafts, devotions and other interests. The Juniors age group is run by Chris Norman, assisted by Philip Norman, Billy Melbourne and Sam Attaway. There are currently 8 boys in this age group.

There are currently 24 boys in the Company and Seniors age groups. They meet on a Thursday evening, and their programme includes games, crafts, devotions and other interests. This age group is led by David Hann and Chris Norman with Philip Norman assisting.

As well as all those leaders mentioned above, we also want to say a big thank you to Robin Baker, our Treasurer who behind the scenes supports us in managing our finances. We are really grateful to Robin for all his hard work and support.

We would like to put out a special request for those that might be willing to offer some time to help with a specific activity. This could be leading a devotional time or sharing a skill or hobby with the boys/girls.

Finally, we would like to say a special word of thanks to all those that support the young people and leaders throughout the year. We thank you for your time, thoughts and prayer in all that we do.

Chris Norman.

You can stay up to date with all that we are doing by following us Facebook (facebook.com/10enfieldbb).

You can also visit our website at <http://10enfield.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Prayer Chain

In John 15:16b Jesus promises his disciples that as long as they abide in him, they could ask the Father in His name, and they would receive from the Father an answer to their prayers.

Also, Paul encourages the disciples not to be anxious about anything, but to bring everything to God in prayer with thanksgiving; Philippians 4:6

We now have a Prayer Chain WhatsApp Group with about 15 members plus two others who are on email. The prayer chain has been very busy this year with many and varied requests for friends and family members. We have been greatly encouraged by so many amazing answers to prayer and praise the Lord for His love and faithfulness in hearing and answering our prayers, often beyond that which we had imagined.

I shall be relinquishing the role of Prayer Chain Coordinator at the Annual Church Meeting so if anyone feels that they could or would like to take over the role please feel free to ask me and I shall be happy to show you the ropes. Bless you all.

Jenny Lane

World Mission Committee

Jesus said “Go and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19.

Members of the Committee include Ebenezer Boakye, Keith and Barb Richardson and Jenny Lane.

With a number of members having been away at different times and for various reasons the World Mission Committee has not

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been as active as usual this year. However, we have continued to pray for and support the Peter and Janet Dallman in Japan with OMF and also Sandra Hlavnova in central Asia as she continues her language study and adjusting to the new language culture and climate.

Both Janet and Peter and also Sandra have been grateful for our prayer support and financial support at times of need as well as the regular giving.

We also support the Baptist Missionary Society now known as BMS World Mission and also the London Baptist Home Mission.

Once again, we supported Operation Agri for our Harvest service. The 2025 Appeal was Trees, Bees and Seeds the Imarika project in Tanzania, and Sandra and Sonia encouraged the children in Kids Club to be actively involved as they sowed seeds, nurtured them and watched them grow. The amount raised for the harvest offering was £1975.94.

Peter and Janet have continued to live and work in Tokyo and are scheduled to return to the UK for Home assignment in 2026. They are grateful to God for answered prayers. We look forward to hearing of what the Lord has done in and through their lives in 2025 which included member care, marriage preparation, effective evangelism, pastoral posture care women's, ministry and church planting. Let us pray for fruit for their labours and the Lords leading and guiding during the Home Assignment.

I shall be standing down from the committee at the Annual Church Meeting and pray that others may be called to fill the gap.

Jenny Lane

Buildings Maintenance

The Maintenance Committee (Philip Norman, John BurrIDGE) and many others who contribute to repairs and upkeep of our buildings, have been busy over the last year.

With a generous donation from a member, we have fitted new windows to the front of the manse, to improve heat retention.

We have also re-insulated the loft & boarded the floor area to reduce heat loss at the property.

There are more items to be carried out at the manse, to ensure we keep the property in good repair.

We carried out a workday at the church, where we were able to do many essentials jobs around the buildings, such as repairing & felting the roof on the front notice board, replacing bulbs, cleaning around the building. Thank you to everyone who spared time to come down & make this happen.

We have been carrying out some improvement work to Carey Hall over the last few months, which has included the replacement of the main hall lights, including the lobby area & we are looking into further improvements to the toilet areas. We have continuing issues with the hall floor raising up in patches, this has been mentioned at a few meetings, we are looking into ways we can resolve this, but is likely to cost a significant amount of money, so please bear this in your thoughts and prayers over the coming months, as we come up with solutions.

Thank-you to those who have made special donations to the buildings fund over the last year. As a church we have agreed to spend money on our electrical systems. We have identified parts of works which need to be carried out, we also need to

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continue to raise funds for these works. If you can help us financially, please speak to the Treasurer, if giving a specific donation please state which project you would like to support or just state building fund, and know that we are grateful for the funds that enable us to keep our buildings in good shape.

As usual, it is not possible to name everyone who has contributed to the maintenance and upkeep work – there are far too many – but, if you helped in whatever way, please know that you have our sincere thanks.... and of course, the work doesn't end!

If you are able to help in any way, whether it be decorating, DIY or cleaning, please let us know as we often have days down at the church to complete maintenance jobs and would be more than happy for any assistance you can give – please don't be reluctant to come forward.

We have plenty of jobs that can be undertaken by individuals of all levels of skill and competence!

Thank you for your continued support & prayers.

Philip Norman

Kids' Club

This report provides an overview of Kid's Club activities, achievements, and challenges throughout the past year. Our primary objective remains to provide a space for children in our community to have a relationship with God and learn about Him by grounding them in biblical teachings. Through dedicated volunteers and a diverse range of programs, we have strived to create an engaging and supportive environment for all participants.

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We currently have 10 children on our roll ranging from age 4, to age 9 and as well as a child of nursery age. This has its challenges, as it is important to keep everyone engaged and teach them at a level appropriate to each child.

Throughout the year, we have worked closely with Pathway whose material and themes we adapt and use in our Sunday sessions. This helps provide structure to our Kids Club sessions and the children enjoy learning about Jesus through bible passages, videos, songs and practical activities. The older children now share the readings of the bible passages, and we gauge their understanding of the message through questioning with the support of video for the younger members.

In addition to these, the children have been encouraged to actively participate in church services notably, our Operation Agri service. The children learned about Operation Agri, a development charity that helps some of the world's most disadvantaged people improve their lives. They gained an understanding of how communities in Tanzania save, invest and work together to improve their crops and soil to feed their families. The children helped lead and carried out readings in this service. They also help lead our Christmas service.

While the past year has seen numerous successes, it is important to acknowledge both the strengths and weaknesses. Our strengths lie in the unwavering dedication of our volunteer teachers, whose commitment and passion are invaluable. However, we also face certain weaknesses, for example additional volunteers and equipment to enhance the learning experience. Hopefully, as the church grows, more volunteers will come forward. It is important that volunteers appreciate that they do not have to be an academic; to teach they just have to be able to talk to the children about their God.

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As outreach to our community, every Friday Sonia Gumbs supports Pathway at Highfield Primary School, with their lunch club, where children learn about Jesus. We continue to celebrate Christmas with the school's choir who sing at our annual Toy Service.

The school also joined us in January when we supported their learning of different Christian practices. 90 children, together with their teachers, visited the church to find out about baptisms. Pastor Ebenezer and members of our team explained the meaning of baptism and the difference between immersion baptism and other types of baptisms. The children viewed the baptismal pool, and the full immersion was acted out to give the children a true experience of adult baptismal services.

Moving forward, we are committed to building upon our strengths and address our weaknesses to support the spiritual development of our children.

Sandra Burt & Sonia Gumbs

Worship Team (WOWH)

Worshippers of Winchmore Hill leads the congregation in worship and praise: glorifying God through music and encouraging spiritual growth. The team includes: -

- Vocalists
- Musicians
- Sound & Media Team

Most of our goals for the previous year were not met, but as our theme for this year (2026) is "Unwavering Faith", we trust God for more grace.

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This report highlights our activities, achievements, challenges, and future goals.

Regular Worship Services

- Led worship for about 50% or more of our Sunday services.
- Introduced new worship songs and hymns to enhance the congregation's worship experience.
- Led worship for special services: Easter, Christmas, Baptism, Crossover service, etc.
- Introduction of the use of properly licensed Lyric Videos instead of YouTube videos

Key Achievements

- Spiritual growth: Engagement in personal devotions and involving in the church's bible study and prayer meetings. And a prayer and fasting sessions.
- New members: it was such a joy to welcome Tracey (from the kid's club) to the team. (Matthew 21:16)

Challenge & areas for improvement

- Consistency & Commitment: Inability to lead worship regularly due to individual/personal commitments.
- Physical/spiritual preparedness: Need for more structured rehearsal and prayer time.
- Opportunity to enhance musical skills and worship leading.
- Numerical growth: Need to have more gifted, skilled and spirit filled members join the team.

Goals for the next year

- Strengthen team unity: Organise prayer times and fellowship gatherings for the team.

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- Enhance musical & technical skills: Conduct training sessions and workshops.
- Improve worship experience: introduce new songs, improve transitions, and enhance stage presence.
- Expand Outreach: Lead worship at community events or collaborate with other churches.

Conclusion

We're grateful to God for the year 2025, and for all that He enabled us to do as a team. For experiencing His presence through our worship times.

With God's grace and support of the church, we look forward to a fruitful year.

Benedicta Boakye

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Winchmore Hill Baptist Church on the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2025

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 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 Direction given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the charities Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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:

1. 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 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Philip Stainer

Address: 50 Wright Street, Codnor, Ripley, Derbyshire DE5 9RQ

Date: 10th March 2026

IMPORTANT: PLEASE INSERT BELOW A SET OF THE ACCOUNTS AS EXAMINED

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church

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Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2025

General Fund (unrestricted)		Note	2025	2024
Receipts:				
Loose Offering			5,458.56	5,781.44
Regular Offering			42,173.40	35,169.00
Special Donations			1,572.83	8,315.99
Trusts			0.00	1,425.00
Lettings			35,691.50	36,183.00
Thank Offering			0.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax			11,902.53	12,890.65
Interest		3	3,296.82	3,202.01
Miscellaneous Income			0.00	0.00
			<u>100,095.64</u>	<u>102,967.09</u>
Payments:				
Ministry		4	40,567.47	38,616.68
Mission		5	16,040.90	13,879.42
Premises		6	21,650.39	20,843.25
Organisation		7	1,941.08	2,196.73
Miscellaneous			0.00	0.00
			<u>80,199.84</u>	<u>75,536.08</u>
Fund Transfer				
Buildings Fund			(6,000.00)	(7,595.00)
Capital Accounts			0.00	0.00
Denning Trust			0.00	0.00
D Wisdom Funeral			0.00	42.07
Thank Offering	[25]		1,281.00	202.40
			<u>(4,719.00)</u>	<u>(7,350.53)</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year			15,176.80	20,080.48
Balance brought forward			<u>92,069.95</u>	<u>71,989.47</u>
Balance carried forward			<u>107,246.75</u>	<u>92,069.95</u>

Thank Offering (designated)[COMBINED - All 'THANK OFFERING' Funds]

	Note	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Special Donations		2,420.00	2,595.00
Loose Offering		142.00	382.00
Reclaimed Tax		670.50	404.81
		<u>3,232.50</u>	<u>3,381.81</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		1,616.25	1,690.91
Fund Transfer		1,616.25	1,690.90
		<u>3,232.50</u>	<u>3,381.81</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward	10	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Youth Fund (restricted)

	Note	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Donations		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		633.96	633.96
Balance carried forward	8	<u>633.96</u>	<u>633.96</u>

Fellowship Fund (restricted)

	Note	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	0.00
Trusts		0.00	475.00
Reclaimed Tax		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>475.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
Gifts		700.00	200.00
		<u>700.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Fund Transfer			
Denning Trust		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(700.00)	275.00
Balance brought forward		<u>2,267.46</u>	<u>1,992.46</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,567.46</u>	<u>2,267.46</u>

Denning Trust (restricted) [CLOSED]**Buildings Fund (designated)**

	Note	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Special Donations		1,661.00	341.17
Fund Transfer			
General Fund		6,000.00	7,595.00
Legacies		0.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		50.00	100.00
		<u>7,711.00</u>	<u>8,036.17</u>
Payments:			
Church		6,656.08	1,514.66
Manse		(31.10)	1,324.55
	9	<u>6,624.98</u>	<u>2,839.21</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		1,086.02	5,196.96
Balance brought forward		<u>8,496.70</u>	<u>3,299.74</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>9,582.72</u>	<u>8,496.70</u>

Manse Buildings (restricted)

	Note	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Special Donations		10,450.00	6,420.00
Fund Transfer		335.25	1,488.50
Reclaimed Tax		1,605.00	0.00
		<u>12,390.25</u>	<u>7,908.50</u>
Payments:			
Expense		14,629.00	0.00
Fund Transfer		0.00	0.00
		<u>14,629.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(2,238.75)	7,908.50
Balance brought forward		<u>7,908.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>5,669.75</u>	<u>7,908.50</u>

Harvest (restricted) [COMBINED - All 'HARVEST' Funds]

	Note	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Loose Offering		345.94	293.34
Special Donations		1,630.00	1,555.00
Reclaimed Tax		452.09	110.50
		<u>2,428.03</u>	<u>1,958.84</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		2,428.03	1,958.84
		<u>2,428.03</u>	<u>1,958.84</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Operation Agri (restricted) [From 2024 INCLUDED UNDER HARVEST funds]**LBA Home Mission (restricted)**

	Note	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Special Donations		100.00	50.00
Reclaimed Tax		25.00	12.50
		<u>125.00</u>	<u>62.50</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		125.00	160.00
		<u>125.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	(97.50)
Balance brought forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>97.50</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Special Collections Account (not used - all allocated to separate funds)**A Collins Funeral** (restricted)

	Note	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Loose Offering		0.00	204.96
Special Donations		0.00	1,130.00
Reclaimed Tax		321.24	0.00
		<u>321.24</u>	<u>1,334.96</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		321.24	1,334.96
Balance brought forward		<u>1,334.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,656.20</u>	<u>1,334.96</u>

Legacies (unrestricted)

	Note	2025	2024
Receipts:			
Special Donations		20,000.00	0.00
		<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		438.05	0.00
		<u>438.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		19,561.95	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>438.05</u>	<u>438.05</u>
Balance carried forward	11	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>438.05</u>

Capital Accounts [CLOSED]

Statement of Current Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2025

Assets:	Note	2025	2024
Cash at Bank			
CAFBank Cash Account		2,383.20	6,654.22
CAFBank Gold account		32,575.62	40,260.05
HSBC Community Account		779.61	3,122.51
Investments			
London Baptist Property Board Deposit Account		110,618.41	63,112.80
Sub-total		146,356.84	113,149.58
Debtors	13	16,180.00	15,369.71
Creditors	14	0.00	0.00
Non-monetary assets held for the Church's own use	15	5,559,304.00	

Long Term Liabilities:

There are no long term liabilities.

Notes to the 2025 Accounts

1. Basis of accounts:

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Previous years details:

Details for the previous year have been included for comparison and do not form part of the accounts.

3. Interest/Investment income:	2025	2024
Interest received from:		
Banks	791.21	787.15
HMRC	0.00	0.00
LBPB Deposit Account	2,505.61	2,414.86
	<u>3,296.82</u>	<u>3,202.01</u>

4. Ministry:	2025	2024
Pastor		
Stipend ex General Income	34,011.25	31,465.00
Stipend ex CPJ Trust	0.00	1,425.00
Employer's Pension	4,175.16	4,050.24
Employer's NI	0.00	0.00
Manse Fuel	455.62	415.42
Other Allowances/Expenses	112.50	0.00
Training & Conferences	470.98	270.02
Relocation Expenses	0.00	0.00
	<u>39,225.51</u>	<u>37,625.68</u>

Moderator

Ex Gratia Payment	0.00	0.00
Other		
Pulpit Supplies	496.00	300.00
Pension Deficiency	0.00	10.00
Kids Club	128.21	0.00
Youth	717.75	681.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
	<u>1,341.96</u>	<u>991.00</u>
	<u>40,567.47</u>	<u>38,616.68</u>

5. Mission:	2025	2024
World Mission		
BMS World Mission	1,599.96	1,599.96
Home Mission	1,599.96	1,599.96
OMF International (UK)	9,375.00	9,375.00
	<u>12,574.92</u>	<u>12,574.92</u>

Pathway	2,624.00	750.00
Outreach	91.98	0.00
Donations & Subscriptions	750.00	554.50
	<u>16,040.90</u>	<u>13,879.42</u>

6. Premises (Upkeep of) :	2025	2024
Furniture & Equipment	764.17	220.13
Church Gas. Electricity & Water,	8,885.31	9,316.53
Church Cleaning & Refuse	2,925.05	2,437.96
Insurance, Church & Manse	5,533.28	5,364.23
Manse Council Tax & Water	3,542.58	3,504.40
Manse Fuel (Interregnum)	0.00	0.00
	<u>21,650.39</u>	<u>20,843.25</u>

7. Organisation:	2025	2024
Administration	347.62	861.89
Advertising & Publicity	119.58	313.00
Fellowship Activities	50.99	117.36
Software, Licences & Music	971.89	414.88
Magazine	0.00	0.00
Telecoms	451.00	489.60
	<u>1,941.08</u>	<u>2,196.73</u>

8. Youth Fund Balance

The balance reflects the amount remaining from a grant provided by the Jack Petchey Foundation. The grant was made as a contribution to the Church's youth work and its use is restricted to the purchase of equipment or payment towards the direct costs of the youth work.

9. Buildings Fund Payments

Potential exists for a conflict of interest relating to payments to K & GN (t/a W J Norman and Son). The trustees adopt procedures to manage this & protect the charity.

Summary of Payments:	2025	2024
Maintenance works: -		
Work done by K & GN	2,721.60	0.00
Replacement Gas Heaters	0.00	0.00
Other Church/Manse works	2,144.18	1,538.41
total Maintenance Works	4,865.78	1,538.41
Regular Servicing & Inspection	1,759.20	1,300.80
	<u>6,624.98</u>	<u>2,839.21</u>

The Buildings Fund is a 'designated' fund. In effect, this means that the church is free to re-designate amounts to the General Fund, if it so wishes.

10. Thank Offering

For 2025 the Church Members decided to distribute funds raised through the Thank Offering 50% to Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and 50% to the General Fund, (at the meeting on 25May25). Any balance showing will be disbursed accordingly, along with any receipts from HMRC, once claimed.

11. Legacies:

There are no restrictions and the funds remain available for the Church to use at its discretion.

12. Not Used

13. Debtors	2025	2024
Gift Aid	9,850.00	9,827.00
Gift Aid: via GA Envelopes	50.00	220.00
Gift Aid: via GASDS	1,255.00	1,148.71
Premises Hire	4,050.00	4,174.00
Trusts (75% to General Fund)	975.00	0.00
	<u>16,180.00</u>	<u>15,369.71</u>

14. Creditors	2025	2024
Amounts to be disbursed	0.00	0.00
Others	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

15. Non-Monetary Assets held for the Church's own use:**2025****2024**

The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee the London Baptist Property Board Ltd.

Church Premises at an insured value, (as at Feb) of:	4,852,187	4,710,851
Church Manse at an insured value (as at Jul) of:	592,000	565,835

The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of:	<u>115,117</u>	<u>111,764</u>
	<u>5,559,304</u>	<u>5,388,450</u>

Note: The insured values represent estimated re-building costs. In both cases this is likely to be less than current market values.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 6 relating to the year ending 31st December 2025 and these Notes are as approved by the Trustees.

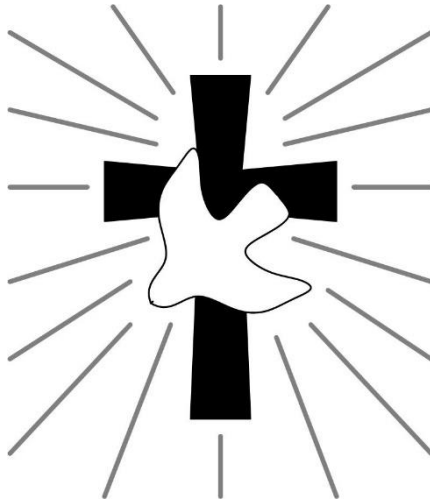
Signed:

Treasurer**Date:** 14th March 2026

Accounts

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Winchmore Hill Baptist Church



*Together in Christ
for the World*

Annual Report 2024

Registered charity number: 1134122

Introduction

The Annual Report has been prepared by the Trustees to give an account of the Church's activities during 2024 to the Membership. It also fulfils the Church's legal requirement to submit an Annual Report to the Charity Commission. The report is divided into two parts:

Part 1 describes how the Church is organised and financed and gives details of the activities that are normally undertaken by the Church in fulfilling its charitable objective. This part is quite formal as much of the information is legally required to be included in the report.

Part 2 describes the activities and events that have taken place during 2024 and is much less formal. It aims to give a picture of the life of the Church and contributions have been included from a number of people.

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church

Compton Road, Winchmore Hill, London N21 3PA

www.winchmorehillbaptistchurch.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1134122

Charity Trustees:

Rev Ebenezer Boakye	Minister
John BurrIDGE	Treasurer (re-elected 23 rd March)
Sandra Burt	Deacon (elected 23 rd March)
Sonia Gumbs	Deacon
Richard Greenaway	Deacon (re-elected 23 rd March)

Custodian Trustee:

London Baptist Property Board Ltd

The Trust Company holds the deeds of the following properties:

- Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, Compton Road, London N21 3PA
- 29 Orpington Road, London N21 3PD

No property valuation has been undertaken on either property in recent years. The values shown in the accounts are the insured values.

Bankers:

- HSBC Bank PLC, PO Box 131, 1 The Town, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6LD
- CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

PART 1

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by an Approved Governing Document (known as the “Constitution”) which was adopted on 6th December 2009 and amended on 25th March 2023. The rules for the election of Charity Trustees and appointment of Members are given in the Constitution.

The Charity Trustees (‘Trustees’) are the Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and a number of Deacons. All of these are appointed by the Church Members’ Meeting. The Minister is a permanent employee of the Church. The remaining Trustees are elected from amongst the Membership and receive no remuneration.

The Trustees meet monthly and are responsible for the day to day running of the Church’s work and witness and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Members’ Meeting for guidance or may be raised by Members for further consideration by the Trustees.

The Church Members’ Meeting has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. There were 7 Ordinary Church Members’ Meetings in 2024 (including the Annual Church Members Meeting, sometimes referred to as the AGM).

All Members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. New Members are enrolled by agreement of the Church Members’ Meeting, normally after baptism by immersion upon personal profession of faith, though Members may be accepted based on their own public profession of faith.

The job of managing the Church's finances is carried out by the Treasurer and assisted by the Finance Committee, whose responsibilities include paying the Church's bills and salaries, keeping financial records, claiming Gift Aid on donations from individuals where possible and preparing the accounts. A team of cashiers counts and records the money received from weekly offerings and pays it into the bank.

Appointment of Trustees

At the Annual Church Members' Meeting on 23rd March 2024 Sandra Burt was elected as Deacon for a three-year period, Richard Greenaway was re-elected as Deacon for a further one-year term and John BurrIDGE was re-elected as Treasurer for a further three-year period.

The church has been without a Church Secretary since March 2023. Secretarial duties are therefore carried out by the other Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

In fulfilling this purpose, the Church aims to engage in activities including:

- Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching.

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- Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's declaration of principle.
- The Communion of the Lord's Supper
- Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally
- The teaching, inclusion, welcome and encouragement of young people
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples
- Education and training for Christian and community service
- Giving and encouraging pastoral care
- Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad.
- Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am and occasionally at other times. All services are open to the public and the times are advertised on the Church's notice board and on the internet. Members of the congregation are encouraged to invite their friends and relatives. Additional publicity is distributed for special services at Christmas and Easter. There is no charge to attend any worship service.

During 2024 the monthly in-person Prayer Meeting and the mid-week zoom-based Prayer and Bible Study Group have continued.

The Church has a close relationship with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and provides free use of the premises for their activities as well as hosting a number of joint events.

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The Minister, who is a paid employee of the Church, is responsible for leading and co-ordinating the Church's activities including the Sunday services, providing pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and equipping and encouraging the membership in their life, Christian witness, and service.

All the remaining work necessary for the operation of the Church is carried out by volunteers, including organisation of and participation in activities, cleaning, preparation and maintenance of the premises, administration, pastoral visits and prayer. A list of all those who carry out this work is given in the document 'Positions of Responsibility'. Many of those who organise activities have written their own account of them, and these have been compiled together in part 2 of this report.

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and abroad. These include Members of the Church who are working as missionaries in the Far East. The Church is a member of *the Baptist Union of Great Britain* and the *London Baptist Association* and supports other Baptist churches through contributions to the Home Mission fund. The Church also supports local education charity *Pathway* and is a member of *Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Grange Park*, through which it participates in activities with other churches in the area.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, and we believe that the activities of the Church which are described above provide

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significant public benefit in line with that guidance. It has always been the desire of the Church to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

Financial Review

Once again, the Lord has shown His faithfulness; not least through Church Members and others who have generously continued to support the church with their prayers, time and/or money.

Although the Church budgeted for the General Fund to be in deficit, at the end of the year it is in surplus and additional funds now exist to be used for the purposes of the Church, as may be decided by the Church Members.

The table below shows the opening & closing balances for each fund, along with total receipts and payments.

	B/Fwd	Receipts	Payments	Fund Transfers	Current
	01-Jan-24	Total	Total	Total	Balances
GENERAL FUND	71,989.47	102,967.09	(75,536.08)	(7,350.53)	92,069.95
Legacies	438.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	438.05
Buildings Fund	3,299.74	441.17	(2,839.21)	7,595.00	8,496.70
Manse Buildings	0.00	6,420.00	0.00	1,488.50	7,908.50
Fellowship Fund	1,992.46	475.00	(200.00)	0.00	2,267.46
LBA Home Mission	97.50	62.50	(160.00)	0.00	0.00
Youth Fund	633.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	633.96
D Wisdom Funeral	0.00	84.14	(42.07)	(42.07)	0.00
A Collins Funeral	0.00	1,334.96	0.00	0.00	1,334.96
Thank Offering 23	0.00	404.81	(202.41)	(202.40)	0.00
Thank Offering 24	0.00	2,977.00	(1,488.50)	(1,488.50)	0.00
Harvest 23	0.00	110.50	(110.50)	0.00	0.00
Harvest 24	0.00	1,848.34	(1,848.34)	0.00	0.00
	78,451.18	117,125.51	(82,427.11)	0.00	113,149.58

The total of all current balances reconciles to cash held across the bank accounts and the deposit account held by the Church.

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A Gift Aid claim will be made in 2025 and the amount received will be allocated to each fund as appropriate.

General Fund

This is an unrestricted fund. The Church's reserve policy remains as approved in 2018 and dictates we retain a minimum of six months expenditure plus a further £10,000 to allow for emergency building repairs. Based on budgeted levels of expenditure going into 2025, this equates to around £52,000.

The church has no separate reserves fund but holds surplus funds within the General Fund. At the start of 2024 the General Fund balance was just less than £72,000 and by the end of the year it had risen to just over £92,000, with £63,112.80 being held on deposit and earning interest with the London Baptist Property Board.

Having approved a budget deficit of £16,014, the accounts for 2024 show a final surplus of £20,080 mainly due to significant increases in Receipts from both Lettings and Special Donations, a smaller increase in combined Loose and Regular Offering and other factors, including slightly lower Payments.

Loose and Regular Offerings both remain lower than 2019 levels. However, year-on-year, whilst there was another decline in Regular Offerings, the reduction was small and Loose Offerings continued to grow, such that the combined figure now marginally exceeds that for 2023.

Although less than budgeted, total Payments have continued to rise, largely due to inflation in Ministry and Premises costs. Payments for Mission, which is mostly donations, has not been increased for several years and in 2024 were slightly lower, due

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to the closure of Winchmore Hill Community Care, to which the Church previously donated.

The percentage split of all Payments made from the General Fund is as follows: -

• Ministry costs, incl. Minister's Stipend	51%
• Mission, mostly donations	18%
• Premises insurance, upkeep, fuel & cleaning	28%
• Organisation	3%
	100%

Legacies

This is an unrestricted fund. The balance reflects the amount remaining from gift from the estate of the late Arthur Shriever who passed away in 2017. There are no restrictions and the funds remain available for the Church to use at its discretion.

The balance was not used in 2024.

Buildings Fund

This is a designated fund. The fund is set up to account for the cost of annual servicing & inspections and general maintenance, of both the Church buildings and the Church Manse at 29 Orpington Road, London N21, where the pastor and his family live.

As budgeted, £6,000 was transferred to this fund, from the General Fund, to cover annual servicing & inspections and general maintenance costs.

A further transfer of £1,595 was made to cover the unbudgeted cost of re-finishing the Clifford Wood Room floor, which

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Members agreed to go ahead with at the Church Members' Meeting on 29Sep24. The work was completed in the first few days of 2025 and the payment will be accounted for in the 2025 accounts.

The fund benefitted from a Special Donation from the Church's Boys' Brigade organisation and from Gift Aid recovered this year on Special Donations made in the previous year.

Other than for annual servicing & inspection of the fire alarms and extinguishers and for clearance and replacement of a run of fencing at the Manse, Payments were limited in 2024. However, the Church is grateful to those who gave their time & energy to complete extra cleaning & DIY jobs. Given relatively low Payments the fund balance ended the year over £5,000 higher than it started. Of course, £1,595 will be paid out in 2025 and the maintenance & renewals needs of the buildings are much greater than this balance can support. We continue with an approach in which additional funding or other resourcing is in place before more substantial works are undertaken and donations to the Buildings Fund are always welcomed.

Manse Buildings

The 'Manse Buildings' fund is a designated fund, set up in response the Church Members' Meeting on 23Mar24, when Members' agreed that 50% of donations made as a Thank Offering at the Church Anniversary (in May24) be allocated to the church's General Fund and designated to be spent on maintenance & renewals work required at the Manse.

To administer this, a 'Thank Offering 24' fund was set up in the accounts and once closed to donations, 50% of the Thank Offering 24 fund was transferred to the 'Manse Buildings' fund.

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Consequent to this a number of Members made special donations to the Buildings Fund, recognising the specific need for funding works on the Church Manse and these have been allocated to this fund, largely to improve visibility.

The process of identifying how best to use the funds now held by the Church was not concluded in 2024 and no payments were made from this fund.

Fellowship Fund

This is a restricted fund, which in common with other Baptist Churches, was set up many years ago to provide a source of funds to be used at the discretion of the Trustees – usually the pastor and treasurer – for the poor of the church or congregation.

Although small Special Donations and Loose Offerings are occasionally made to this fund, the majority of receipts come from a share of a payment received from the Captain Pierce Johns Trust (CPJT). Although not specified by the Trust Deed, to reflect the purposes of the Trust receipts from it are allocated 25% to this Fellowship Fund and 75% to the General Fund, specifically towards the cost of employing a minister.

LBA Home Mission

This is a restricted fund, used to administer occasional Special Donations to the work of the London Baptist Home Mission.

Traditionally, funds have been collected around Christmas, when Church Members donate the cost of postage saved by distributing cards through a simple sorting process, rather than through the post.

The zero balance reflects the fact that a full payment from this fund was paid to the LBA Home Mission in 2024.

Youth Fund

This is a restricted fund. The balance reflects the amount remaining from a grant provided by the Jack Petchey Foundation some years ago. The grant was made as a contribution to the Church's youth work and its use is restricted to the purchase of equipment or payment towards the direct costs of the youth work.

Dorothy Wisdom's Funeral

This is a restricted fund. The 'D Wisdom Funeral' fund was set up at the request of the family, to administer donations made at the funeral of the late Dorothy Wisdom, held on 31Jul23. The Order of Service stated that the proceeds will be shared [equally] between the Stroke Association and Winchmore Hill Baptist Church.

Most of the receipts and payments were accounted for in 2023. However, a Gift Aid claim was made in 2024, which included amounts donated to this fund and the movements in 2024 relate to receipts recovered through the Gift Aid scheme, to a 50% share paid to the Stroke Association and a 50% share transferred to the Church's General Fund.

Albert Collins' Funeral

This is a restricted fund. The 'A Collins Funeral' fund was set up at the request of the wife of the late Albert Collins', Inez Collins, to administer donations made to Winchmore Hill Baptist Church in memory of Albert. By a note on the Order of Service, attendees of the funeral on 27Sep25 were invited to make a donation and subsequent to this Inez clarified that the funds collected, be used for upgrading works on the Carey Hall toilets.

The process of defining the works and obtaining quotes is on-going and no payments have been made from the fund. The

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restrictive nature of the fund reflects Inez Collins' specific wishes.

Thank Offering 23

This is a restricted fund. It was set up in 2023 to administer donations made as a thank offering at the Church Anniversary, held in 2023.

Most of the receipts and payments were accounted for in 2023. However, a Gift Aid claim was made in 2024, which included amounts donated to this fund and the movements in 2024 relate to receipts recovered through the Gift Aid scheme and to a payment to People International, specifically to support the work of Sandra Hlavnova, and a transfer to the Church's General Fund, on a 50/50 basis, as agreed by Church Members at the Church Members' Meeting on 25Mar23.

Thank Offering 24

This is a restricted fund. The 'Thank Offering 24' fund was set up to administer donations made as a thank offering at the Church Anniversary, held in May 2024. In advance of this, at the Church Members' Meeting on 23Mar24, Members agreed that 50% of donations be transferred to the Church's General Fund and designated to be spent on maintenance & renewals work required at the Manse and 50% be paid to the Church's Boys' Brigade organisation.

Harvest 23

This is a restricted fund. It was set up in 2023 to administer donations made at, or in response to, the Harvest Service in 2023.

Most of the receipts and payments were accounted for in 2023. However, a Gift Aid claim was made in 2024, which included

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amounts donated to this fund and the movements in 2024 relate to receipts recovered through the Gift Aid scheme and to payments made to Operation Agri and to Open Doors with Brother Andrews on a 50/50 basis, as agreed by Church Members at the Church Members' Meeting on 28May23.

Harvest 24

This is a restricted fund. It was set up to administer donations made at, or in response to, the Harvest Service on 22Sep24. Members at the Church Members' Meeting on 02Jun24 agreed that the whole of the Harvest Offering be paid to Operation Agri.

The zero balance reflects the fact that the full amount received was paid to Operation Agri the same year.

Main Concerns

1. Our chief concern is to continue to love God by obedience to His commands: committing ourselves more fully to bible study, to prayer and to sharing the love He has shown us, with those around us.
2. To trust God in all things, recognise His faithfulness and express our thankfulness to Him.
3. As part of our being obedient to His commands, to continue to be a Church that supports world mission in line with our World Mission statement.
4. To grow as a Church: to encouraging greater engagement in Church activities and see more of the Church involved in our own, local outreach.
5. To continue to benefit from letting out our premises for purposes that do not compromise our objectives.
6. To address the immediate and future needs of the church buildings and manse and use funds made available wisely.

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Finally, I am grateful Philip Stainer, who this year carried out an Independent Examination of the 2024 Accounts, on a voluntary basis.

John Burridge

PART 2

Minister's Report

First, thank you to all who have journeyed and stood with us throughout 2024. It was a year with challenges, attacks, and victories. In this report, I'm going to summarise the activities of the year along with updates on the various ministries' work, highlighting significant achievements and looking ahead into 2025, beholding the theme "Opened Door" with prayer and faith that God will open doors for us and lead us through, by faith. I trust that sharing last year's stories, activities, and successes will help the Church recognize God's blessings and victories and give Him thanks. It will also serve as a visioning tool that encourages Members to stay committed to the vision and keep up their efforts. It will also remind us of our role in the Baptist Union and Body of Christ as agents of advancing the gospel through evangelism, prayers, and support for the needy.

Sunday Services

The Lord Jesus Christ faithfully builds His church, and the gates of hell cannot overcome it. Sunday services persist and remain spirited and compelling. We offer a wonderful welcome to people from different cultures and backgrounds, and Members have played a valuable role in hosting and making people feel welcome.

The service usually focuses on worship, prayer, preaching the word, witness, fellowship, and caring, aiming to become obedient disciples of Christ. Through these, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously ministers in and through the Church each Sunday when we gather. We have heard countless testimonies in our services about God's faithfulness throughout 2024.

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Our services are primarily structured in this way. We begin the service with a prayer and the reading of scriptures, then a call to worship followed by a time of worship, reflection, and prayer. We make time for notices, offerings, testimonies, and children's focus. We dedicate about 20-30 minutes to the preaching of the word. Aside from occasionally inviting preachers from different churches, our committed in-house preachers like Pastor Nana, Benne, and Innocent have immensely helped me carry this responsibility till now.

We recognize the diversity of the Holy Spirit's gifts in the body of Christ and encourage Members and those in the congregation to use their gifts to serve the Church. We've seen these gifts in leading services, intercessory prayers, prophetic declaration, preaching, teaching, music and in singing. We thank God for calling His people into service and equipping them with unique abilities. As the Minister, strengthening and encouraging Members to use those gifts, ministries, and discipleship will always be my primary concern.

I want to point out a few events from last year that stir our gratitude toward God. Four young people were baptized and publicly declared their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We give glory to God and celebrate this new life in Christ that those individuals enjoy. We also received about one hundred children from Highfield Primary School, with their teachers, to learn more about "Water Baptism". That was a remarkable event. Again, we give glory to the Lord.

We organised a successful Church Open Day event despite our limited human resources. By God's grace, we could also work through our Yearly Calendar with all the special services, including Church Anniversary, Easter, and Christmas Services. I

think these are memorable times that we should give thanks to God for.

Bible Studies

At WHBC, we believe that the Word of God is alive and accurate and communicates all things of God. This truth has stirred a longing and love for the word of God, and therefore, we have devoted ourselves to the study of His Word, precisely "Discipleship". We meet weekly to build relationships and help each other explore what it means to live out the Christian life of discipleship daily. Typical meetings include Bible-based discussions, laughter, questions, contributions and prayers. It's simple, it's real, and it's challenging.

We are now on the last bit of the fourth book of the "*MasterLife*" study materials, which comprises four books. The call to discipleship is a challenging journey, but it is worth responding to. The study of "*MasterLife*" has opened our eyes to God's mission and how we should respond to the call. The book has been both challenging and helpful in our spiritual growth.

Prayer Meetings

Every Tuesday evening, we pray on various topics and for one another. It's a time when we provide support and foster meaningful connections. It's a time of encouragement and growth in faith.

We planned the year to include three prayer and fasting periods: January, July, and December. In each period, we set aside one week for prayer and fasting. We have continued with intercession prayers during Sunday Church Services and our weekly online Prayer Meetings. We have an in-person monthly prayer meeting, which is up and running. We hold 30-minute prayer sessions at

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Elsie Silby Room before Sunday service starts and prayer for individuals who want to be prayed for at the "Prayer Corner" after the service. We have heard testimony upon testimony because of these prayers. We are committed members of the Churches Together in the community, where we join fortnightly on Zoom to pray on various topics and issues.

We had bereavements in the Church last year; a Member of the church went to be with the Lord, and another Member lost her husband. As a church family, I'm proud to say that we offered support, prayer, and comfort during their loss. The bereaved families expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the minister and the entire Church for their kindness and the attention they gave them.

Looking Forward

As we look back on the past year, we are reminded of the many blessings we have received and the challenges we have overcome. We remain so thankful to the many who have been with us, contributing and serving faithfully. I look forward to journeying together as we continue to serve in the body of Christ and share the word of God with our community.

In 2025, with our theme of 'Opened Door' (Rev 3:8), we will focus on listening to God's heart, praying, and seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit as he leads us into the Opened Doors and helps us walk through them. We want to be a church with a vision and in action. We should seek to become a united movement of changed lives that impacts greater, and beyond.

As you read this report, I pray that you will be reminded and encouraged that as active followers of Jesus, you are a part of something much bigger than you could ever imagine. You are a

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part of God's big family in His mighty Kingdom marked for good works, which He prepared for us to do in advance. Looking ahead, I'm incredibly hopeful that God will continue to make the way for Winchmore Hill Baptist Church in 2025.

Rev Ebenezer Boakye

Secretary's Report

2024 started with the Church Motto & Theme for the year, "*Walking In Divine Victory*", echoing the message in 1John 4:4 which affirms the victory of believers over the spirit of the world and the confidence we can have in God's love and forgiveness.

Our continued prayers have borne fruit, and we have been encouraged to see our Church Membership grow this year, to 40. We also witnessed the baptism of 4 young people and with a number of membership visits planned for 2025 we expect to see further growth.

We are keen to encourage the new members of the congregation to join in the life of the Church, to develop their own understanding of and relationship with the Lord and to know Him at work in their lives.

We welcomed Sandra Burt to the diaconate in March and although at present we lack a Church Secretary, we are encouraged that the Lord is hearing our prayers on this aspect and there are clear signs that more members are keen to get involved, including in leading services and adding to our live music.

We celebrated our church anniversary on Sunday 19th May, when Ebenezer led our worship service and we were blessed by Pastor

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Nana, who preached. The service was followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

This year, we planned for the Church Open Day to coincide with the Boys Brigade and the Girls Association Christmas Fayre, on Saturday 30th November. We celebrated Christmas with bible stories and activities for the children alongside the usual stalls and a bouncy castle in Carey Hall.

Our pastor, Ebenezer, took a well-earned break and spent approximately five weeks in West Ghana, over October and November.

In September and November, we celebrated the lives of the husbands of Inez Collins and Faith Shaw following their deaths.

The deacons.

Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Grange Park ('CTPGWH+GP')

The local Churches Together group in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Grange Park provides opportunities for the different churches to worship, work, have fellowship and witness together. Each church is represented at the regular Forum meetings by the minister of the church and one of the members.

The year started, as usual, with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which begins with the Feast of St Peter on the 18th January and concludes on the 25th January with the Feast of St Paul. Each year churches from different countries around the world take turns to produce material around a theme relating to their situation to be used during the Week of Prayer. In 2024 the material was provided by the Churches of Burkina Faso entitled

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“Go and do likewise” based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. We were again able to meet for prayer during the week in each other’s buildings using the meditations provided but the number of people attending the times of prayer have been decreasing over the years and the Forum are looking to do something different during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2025.

The different churches were again able to come together, to demonstrate our unity, on the Good Friday Walk of Witness. Our section of the Walk of Witness started at Winchmore Hill Green and we finished at St Monica’s Catholic where we joined the other section from Palmer’s Green for a short open-air service followed by refreshments, including hot cross buns.

St Monica’s was able again to hold their evening of quiet reflection on the meaning of the Cross with help from the music of the St Monica’s Worship Band and readings telling the story of the events of Good Friday

Churches Together wanted again to witness to the real meaning of Christmas by placing a half page colour advertisement, in the Enfield Independent, wishing the readers a very Happy Christmas. It included a picture of the Nativity and the names of the churches in the group.

The Churches Together Prayer Meeting has continued to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to pray for the different churches and the needs of our area, which we do on Zoom. The members, although small in number are very committed and there is real sense of fellowship and friendship.

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A very positive development this year has been that the clergy and church leaders have continued to meet together once a quarter for fellowship and encouragement. They have also discussed upcoming Churches Together events.

Rev. Jim Gascoigne has continued to be the chairperson of our Churches Together Group until Easter 2025. We are very grateful for all that he has done during this time.

Carin Blunn

10th Enfield Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Company

Our Vision is that children and young people experience 'life to the full' through coming to know Jesus for themselves (John 10:10). All that we do as a group is focused on this, having faith in young people, providing them with opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian Faith.

This has been a special year, celebrating 100 years of our BB Company serving the local community as part of Winchmore Hill Baptist Church. The 10th Enfield Company was formed on 24th October 1924 and has since that time played a significant role in the lives of thousands of children and young people. This is a really significant milestone, and we are thankful for all that has happened over the last 100 years and looking forward for all that is to come.

We've had another great year, maintaining a steady number with nearly 50 children and young people engaging in our weekly activities across all age groups.

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In June at our Parade Service, we presented our Annual Awards recognising the achievements of all the children and young people from over the last 12 months. This was a great time together which saw parents and the wider church congregation able to see all that we had been up to during the session.

During the Summer months all age groups were able to get out and about and enjoy a range of offsite activities at the park, foot golf, kayaking, adventure golf and a whole lot more. 13 of our Juniors joined in the Enfield Battalion Weekend Camp in July, which offered a range of activities on and offsite. As part of our centenary celebrations, our Summer Camp took us a little further afield, to Jersey in the Channel Islands. The Company has somewhat of a connection to the Channel Islands when we celebrate significant milestones, having celebrated our 75th year in 1999 by going to Jersey and in our 50th year the Company ventured to Guernsey. We had 11 of our boys as well as some young people from 3rd Enfield and 4th Barnet Companies join us for the weeklong adventure. Everything was a bit different this year, including how we travelled to camp, with the main group of young people flying from Luton over to Jersey, and the advance party with all the kit going by ferry. The boys enjoyed a wide range of activities on camp including coasteering at St Brelade's Bay, Blo-karting, Ringo Rides in St Brelade's Bay, High Ropes Course, Swimming and a whole lot more. During the week our devotions were themed around the Summer Olympics, which saw us thinking about Jesus as our coach in life. The weather was excellent, the beaches fantastic and it really was a great week away, a real experience for all the young people and leaders.

At our Summer Camp it was the end of an era for some of our young people, who have grown up in the Company, as Billy, Sam and Harvie all finished their journey as young people in the BB

(now being 18 years old). Billy had been a member for some 14 years, Sam for 11 years and whilst Harvie joined us relatively recently (3 years ago) but had quickly become part of our BB family. We presented them with a special canvas with various photos, highlighting their time in the Company. It is not goodbye though as we have been pleased that Billy and Sam have both registered as leaders and are helping on a weekly basis with the Juniors age group.

As we started back in addition to our weekly meetings, a group of our Company and Seniors joined others on an Adventure Day at Phasels Wood Activity Centre taking on a range of activities and team challenges. We also joined 120+ young people and leaders from across Enfield and Barnet at our Battalion Parade Service which this year took place at Barnet United Reformed Church.

In October we held our Enrolment Service, including our main Centenary celebrations. which saw over 30 children and young people in Church along with a good number of parents. We were also pleased to welcome some past members and familiar faces to the Church to be present at the service, but to also share their BB memories and testimony through a video we compiled. The theme of the service which was led by Chris Norman was on The Boys' Brigade's motto 'Sure & Steadfast' (Hebrews 6 v19), and how Jesus is always there for us and our unshakeable hope. It was great to see so many of our children and young people being enrolled and presented with their membership cards for the session. As part of the service, the Company presented the Church with 40 new Pew Bibles to mark this significant milestone. Following the service there was a light lunch provided for all to enjoy as well as a collection of photos from throughout the last 100 years.

Later in the month, a small group of our young people joined with others from across London for a day of Paintballing.

Moving into November, children & young people attended our Remembrance Sunday service, led by the Brigades. As part of the service young people and the congregation lit candles and placed them in the shape of a heart to remind us of Jesus' command "Love each other as I have loved you". This was something that we also thought about in our weekly meetings in the week leading on from this. BB/GA members also joined other groups from across Enfield in the afternoon at a Civic Service at the War Memorial in Enfield Town.

In December, our Christmas Fayre took place alongside the Church Open Day raising over £450 for Company funds. As a Company we also supported the Firs Farm Community Christmas Event by providing some activities and raising money to buy a defibrillator for the new Community Hub.

As we headed further towards Christmas 15+ young people from our group took part in the Parade of Light in Enfield Town. Our Christmas Trailer Collection got us out in the community in the run up to Christmas with our Company and Senior members helping to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice as well as Company funds. We're pleased to have been able to raise over £3500 this year.

Our Fundraising at this current time is focused around raising funds to pay back a loan (interest free) that enabled us to purchase our new minibus. We are grateful to all those that have made donations and participated in the various fundraising events including the Christmas Fayre, Quiz Night, Trailer Collection and more. We are also grateful to the wider Church congregation for their generous giving as part of the Church

Annual Thank Offering, all going towards paying off the purchase of our minibus.

Recently 13 Company/Senior members joined members from across Enfield on a Weekend Away at Frith Grange Activity Centre in Barnet. A great weekend was had by all, with a range of activities including, swimming, outdoor laser combat, climbing, bonfire, devotions, quiz and Top Golf to mention just some of the activities.

Our young people have also enjoyed events run by Enfield Battalion including a visit to Colchester Zoo, a Quiz & Pizza Night, Football Tournament and Top Golf competition.

In January, we were proud to see two members of our Seniors age group presented with Jack Petchey Achievement Awards at an Awards ceremony at City Hall in London. Josh and Jamie were recognised for their long terms of service (8 and 10 years respectively) in the Company.

In February, our children & young people along with a number of parents/family members joined the wider congregation for a Parade Service. The service was led by Chris Norman and was themed around the Parable of The Prodigal Son. It was another blessed time together as a Church.

Our weekly programmes and residentials include opportunities for us to share the good news and get into the Bible, engaging with children and young people who otherwise wouldn't come across the doorstep of the Church. We have continued to do this throughout the last 12 months, helping them to explore the Bible and providing them with opportunities to have a personal encounter with Jesus. We have faith that through their journey with us, as leaders through the relationships we build and

programme we offer that we may be able to plant a seed, which will one day bear fruit (Mark 4). We are thankful for the prayers and support from the wider Church for all that goes on week by week.

As an example of our weekly programme of activities, our Juniors have recently been exploring The Parables which Jesus told including The Lost Sheep, Good Samaritan and The Parable of the Talents. In early March, in the lead up to Shrove Tuesday all our age groups focused on the beginning of Lent, exploring the journey Jesus went on as we head towards Easter. Our Anchors have had a themed night based on Daniel and the Lions Den. Our Company/Seniors age group also continues to spend time exploring the bible through their devotional times, examples of this have included: Jesus being the Light of the World, The Wise Men and the Journey they took, and The Parable of the Rich Fool.

As always, our weekly programmes contain a wide range of activities, and this is just a selection of what else we have been up to recently, including making Flap Jacks (Juniors), holding FIFA Tournament (Company/Seniors), creating Mocktails (Company/Seniors), celebrating Chinese New Year (Anchors/Juniors), playing Human Hungry Hippos (Juniors), taking on the Task Master (Company/Seniors) and a whole lot more.

The Anchors age group meets on a Tuesday evening and continues to run a programme including games, crafts, devotions and other interests. The Anchors age group is led by Philip Norman and Tina Stanley. There are currently 12 boys and girls in Anchors. We also have help from Joe Norman (10 years old), and currently Thomas (15, a member of our Seniors age group) is helping out as part of his Duke of Edinburgh's volunteering.

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The remainder of the girls age groups (Juniors and Company) also meet on Tuesday evening, led by Jackie Norman and supported by Kevin Norman. There are currently 7 girls in this age group.

The boys Juniors age group meets on Thursday evening and the programme includes games, crafts, devotions and other interests. The Juniors age group is run by Chris Norman, assisted by Philip Norman, Oliver Richardson, Billy Melbourne and Sam Attaway. There are currently 15 boys in this age group.

There are currently 15 boys in the Company and Seniors age groups, they meet on a Thursday evening and their programme includes games, crafts, devotions and other interests. This age group is led by David Hann and Chris Norman with Philip Norman and Andrew Blunn assisting.

As well as all those leaders mentioned above, we also want to say a big thank you to Robin Baker, our Treasurer who behind the scenes support us in managing our finances. We are really grateful to Robin for all his hard work and support.

We would like to put out a special request for those that might be willing to offer some time to help with a specific activity. This could be leading a devotional time or sharing a skill or hobby with the boys/girls.

Finally, we would like to say a special word of thanks to all those that support the young people and leaders throughout the year. We thank you for your time, thoughts and prayer in all that we do.

Chris Norman.

You can stay up to date with all that we are doing by following us Facebook (facebook.com/10enfieldbb).

You can also visit our website at <http://10enfield.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Prayer Chain

'Do not be anxious about anything but by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God.'

'If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.'

'Ask and you shall receive, that your joy might be full.'

The prayer chain has been busy this year, with many and varied requests for a variety of needs, of our church family and friends and others linked with them. We have been grateful to God for the many and varied answers to prayer which we have received and give glory to God for His continued faithfulness to His people.

At present there are about 14 people on the prayer chain, most of whom are contacted via WhatsApp with 2 by email.

We are considering setting up a prayer chain WhatsApp group, which would facilitate contacting prayer chain members. If you would like to continue to receive prayer chain requests, please let me know and I will include you in the WhatsApp group. Naturally, the email participants will still be contacted by email. Thank you.

Jenny Lane

World Mission Committee

With a number of members having been away at different times, the World Mission Committee has not been as active as usual this year. We have, however, continued to pray for and financially support Peter & Janet Dallman in Japan with OMF and also Sandra Hlavnova in Central Asia in her early days of settling down, finding a new home, learning a new language and adjusting to a new culture and climate. We also support the Baptist Missionary Society, now known as BMS World Mission and the London Baptist Home Mission.

Ebenezer led the Harvest Service with the emphasis on Operation Agri, who we have supported for a number of years, and this year we raised £1,903.59 towards the work in Tanzania and other locations.

Peter & Janet continue to live in Tokyo and have many roles, all of which are very demanding. They include transition interview training, member care, marriage preparation, effective evangelism & discipling, hospitality, pastoral care, women's ministry and church planting. Let us pray that God will give them the wisdom and enabling grace to fulfil those many and varied roles, that God's name may be glorified and His kingdom extended.

Jenny Lane

Buildings Maintenance

The Building Maintenance Team and many others who contribute to repairs and upkeep of our buildings, have been busy over the last year.

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A new fence was installed at the manse, as the previous one was in a very bad state.

There are more items to be carried out at the manse, along with some bigger jobs which are being looked into, so we can upkeep the property.

We carried out a workday at the church in November, where we were able to do many essentials jobs around the buildings, such as changing high level bulbs in the sanctuary, repair to the front window in CWR, cleaning around the building. Thank you to everyone who spared time to come down & make this happen. We also had a great time in fellowship whilst having our lunch break.

We have been carrying out some improvement works to the CWR over the last few months, which have included the replacement of the entrance door mat, sanding & resealing the hall floor & a partial redecoration of the hall. We have also changed the front door lock to the CWR entrance, which is much better for safety reasons, as there is now a turn knob on the inside, if the door was locked you can now get out without a key.

Thank-you to those who have made special donations to the Building fund over the last year. As a church we have agreed to spend money on our electrical systems. We have identified parts of works which need to be carried out, we also need to continue to raise funds for these works. If you can help us financially, please speak to the Treasurer, if giving a specific donation please state which project you would like to support or just state building fund and know that we are grateful for the funds that enable us to keep our buildings in good shape.

As usual, it is not possible to name everyone who has contributed to the maintenance and upkeep work – there are far too many –

but, if you helped in whatever way, please know that you have our sincere thanks.... and of course, the work doesn't end!

If you are able to help in any way, whether it be decorating, DIY or cleaning, please let us know as we often have days down at the church to complete maintenance jobs and would be more than happy for any assistance you can give – please don't be reluctant to come forward.

We have plenty of jobs that can be undertaken by individuals of all levels of skill and competence!

Thank you for your continued support & prayers.

Philip Norman

Kids' Club

The Church continues to encourage children in our community to have a relationship with God and learn about Him. Our children are front and centre of our services as we aim to raise up another generation in the Lord's word.

Kids Club children who come regularly, attend with parents from our congregation. During the year, we have worked closely with Pathway and Sonia Gumbs has prepared bespoke booklets about key characters in the Bible. Whilst we have used Pathway's material, we also prepare things which reflect the ages of those children who attend which include their own bibles and prizes.

Our children enjoy learning about the bible characters and Jesus through bible passages, videos, songs and practical activities. We enjoy hearing about their learning when they rejoin the congregation at the end of the service and tell us about their work and share their activities.

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Ebenezer and Sonia from Kids Club support Pathway at Highfield Primary School with their lunch club, where children learn about Jesus.

The Church continues to celebrate Christmas with Highfield's school choir who sing at the annual Toy Service.

The school also joined us in January when we supported their learning of different Christian practices. 90 children together with their teachers visited the church to find out about baptisms. Pastor Ebenezer and members of our team explained the meaning of baptism and the different types. The children viewed the baptismal pool, and the full emersion was 'performed' to give the children a true experience of adult baptismal services.

Sandra Burt & Sonia Gumbs

Worship Team (WOWH)

The mission of the Worship Team - Worshippers of Winchmore Hill - is to lead our congregation in worship, to glorify God through music and encourage spiritual growth.

The team has led worship for about 50% of our Sunday services this year. We've introduced a number of new worship songs and hymns to enhance the congregation's worship experience and have led special services at Easter, Christmas, Baptisms and the New Year Cross-Over service.

Individuals' personal availability has meant we have relied less on live music and more on lyric videos than we would like to, this year. However, we have been pleased to welcome Gloria Firmino this year and would very much like to welcome other gifted, skilled, and spirit-filled individuals to the team, to allow us to lead more services and perform more live music.

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We recognise the benefit in having a more structured rehearsals and prayer times and in having opportunities to enhance our musical & worship-leading skills together and we will be making this a goal for next year. We will also be looking out for opportunities to expand our outreach and lead worship at community events or to collaborate with other local churches.

We are grateful to God for all He has enabled us to do as a team, and for experiencing His presence through our worship times. With God's grace and the support of the Church, we look forward to a fruitful year.

Benedicta Boakye

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Winchmore Hill Baptist Church on the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2024

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 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 Direction given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the charities Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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:

1. 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 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Philip Stainer

Address: 50 Wright Street, Codnor, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 9RQ

Date: 22nd March 2025

IMPORTANT: PLEASE INSERT BELOW A SET OF THE ACCOUNTS AS EXAMINED

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church

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Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2024

General Fund		(unrestricted)		
		Note	2024	2023
Receipts:				
Loose Offering			5,781.44	4,650.52
Regular Offering			35,169.00	35,810.00
Special Donations			8,315.99	1,250.00
Trusts			1,425.00	375.00
Lettings			36,183.00	24,474.75
Thank Offering			0.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax			12,890.65	10,093.64
Interest	3		3,202.01	2,013.64
Miscellaneous Income			0.00	0.00
			<u>102,967.09</u>	<u>78,667.55</u>
Payments:				
Ministry	4		38,616.68	36,502.12
Mission	5		13,879.42	14,868.96
Premises	6		20,843.25	18,725.45
Organisation	7		2,196.73	1,710.25
			<u>75,536.08</u>	<u>71,806.78</u>
Fund Transfer				
Buildings Fund			(7,595.00)	(6,000.00)
Capital Accounts			0.00	0.00
Denning Trust			0.00	0.00
D Wisdom Funeral			42.07	168.28
Thank Offering 23			202.40	1,172.36
			<u>(7,350.53)</u>	<u>(4,659.36)</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year			20,080.48	2,201.41
Balance brought forward			<u>71,989.47</u>	<u>69,788.06</u>
Balance carried forward			<u>92,069.95</u>	<u>71,989.47</u>

Thank Offering 24 (restricted) [COMBINED - All 'THANK OFFERING' Funds]

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts:			
Special Donations		2,595.00	1,750.00
Loose Offering		382.00	69.22
Reclaimed Tax		404.81	513.00
		<u>3,381.81</u>	<u>2,332.22</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		1,690.91	1,172.36
Fund Transfer		1,690.90	1,172.36
		<u>3,381.81</u>	<u>2,344.72</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	(12.50)
Balance brought forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>12.50</u>
Balance carried forward	10	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Youth Fund (restricted)

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts:			
Donations		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>633.96</u>	<u>633.96</u>
Balance carried forward	8	<u>633.96</u>	<u>633.96</u>

Fellowship Fund (restricted)

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	0.00
Trusts		475.00	125.00
Reclaimed Tax		0.00	2.50
		<u>475.00</u>	<u>127.50</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
Gifts		200.00	55.94
		<u>200.00</u>	<u>55.94</u>
Fund Transfer			
Denning Trust		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		275.00	71.56
Balance brought forward		<u>1,992.46</u>	<u>1,920.90</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>2,267.46</u>	<u>1,992.46</u>

Buildings Fund (designated)

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts:			
Special Donations		341.17	400.00
Fund Transfer			
General Fund		7,595.00	6,000.00
Legacies		0.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		100.00	118.75
		<u>8,036.17</u>	<u>6,518.75</u>
Payments:			
Church		1,514.66	3,859.01
Manse		1,324.55	470.00
	9	<u>2,839.21</u>	<u>4,329.01</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		5,196.96	2,189.74
Balance brought forward		<u>3,299.74</u>	<u>1,110.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>8,496.70</u>	<u>3,299.74</u>

Manse Buildings (designated)

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts:			
Special Donations		6,420.00	0.00
Fund Transfer		1,488.50	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		0.00	0.00
		<u>7,908.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
Fund Transfer		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		7,908.50	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>7,908.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Harvest 24 (restricted) [COMBINED - All 'HARVEST' Funds]

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts:			
Loose Offering		293.34	102.00
Special Donations		1,555.00	540.00
Reclaimed Tax		110.50	0.00
		<u>1,958.84</u>	<u>642.00</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		1,958.84	642.00
		<u>1,958.84</u>	<u>642.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

LBA Home Mission (restricted)

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts:			
Special Donations		50.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		12.50	22.50
		<u>62.50</u>	<u>22.50</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		160.00	0.00
		<u>160.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(97.50)	22.50
Balance brought forward		97.50	75.00
Balance carried forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>97.50</u>

A Collins Funeral (restricted)

	Note	2024	2023
Receipts:			
Loose Offering		204.96	0.00
Special Donations		1,130.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		0.00	0.00
		<u>1,334.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		1,334.96	0.00
Balance brought forward		0.00	0.00
Balance carried forward		<u>1,334.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Legacies (unrestricted)			
	Note	2024	2023
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	561.95
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>561.95</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	(561.95)
Balance brought forward		<u>438.05</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance carried forward	11	<u>438.05</u>	<u>438.05</u>

Statement of Current Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2024

Assets:	Note	2024	2023
Cash at Bank			
CAFBank Cash Account		6,654.22	5,192.75
CAFBank Gold account		40,260.05	19,542.25
HSBC Community Account		3,122.51	3,018.24
Investments			
London Baptist Property Board Deposit Account		<u>63,112.80</u>	<u>50,697.94</u>
Sub-total		113,149.58	78,451.18
Debtors	13	15,369.71	14,227.00
Creditors	14	0.00	(97.50)
Non-monetary assets held for the Church's own use	15	5,388,450	5,151,006

Long Term Liabilities:

The Pension Plan deficit is now zero and the nominal £1 per month charge ceased from 31st October 2024.

There are no other long term liabilities.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounts:

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Previous years details:

Details for the previous year have been included for comparison and do not form part of the accounts.

3. Interest/Investment receipts:	2024	2023
Interest received from:		
Bank	787.15	330.84
HMRC	0.00	3.96
LBPB Deposit Account	2,414.86	1,678.84
	<u>3,202.01</u>	<u>2,013.64</u>

4. Ministry:	2024	2023
Pastor		
Stipend, paid from general receipt	31,465.00	30,100.00
Stipend, paid from CPJ Trust rece	1,425.00	375.00
Employer's Pension	4,050.24	3,760.80
Employer's NI	0.00	0.00
Manse Fuel	415.42	664.71
Allowances	0.00	0.00
Training & Conferences	270.02	484.01
Relocation Expenses	0.00	0.00
	<u>37,625.68</u>	<u>35,384.52</u>
Moderator		
Ex Gratia Payment	0.00	0.00
Other		
Pulpit Supplies	300.00	450.60
Pension Deficiency	10.00	12.00
Kids Club	0.00	0.00
Youth	681.00	605.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	50.00
	<u>991.00</u>	<u>1,117.60</u>
	<u>38,616.68</u>	<u>36,502.12</u>

5. Mission:	2024	2023
World Mission		
BMS World Mission	1,599.96	1,599.96
Home Mission	1,599.96	1,599.96
OMF International (UK)	9,375.00	9,375.00
	<u>12,574.92</u>	<u>12,574.92</u>
Pathway	750.00	750.00
Outreach	0.00	249.49
Donations & Subscriptions	554.50	1,294.55
	<u>13,879.42</u>	<u>14,868.96</u>

6. Premises (Upkeep of) :	2024	2023
Furniture & Equipment	220.13	145.00
Church Gas. Electricity & Water,	9,316.53	7,533.88
Church Cleaning & Refuse	2,437.96	2,509.13
Insurance, Church & Manse	5,364.23	5,246.86
Manse Council Tax & Water	3,504.40	3,290.58
Manse Fuel (Interregnum)	0.00	0.00
	<u>20,843.25</u>	<u>18,725.45</u>

7. Organisation:	2024	2023
Administration	861.89	459.44
Advertising & Publicity	313.00	120.00
Fellowship Activities	117.36	94.90
Software & Licences	414.88	545.55
Magazine	0.00	0.00
Telecoms	489.60	490.36
	<u>2,196.73</u>	<u>1,710.25</u>

8. Youth Fund Balance

The balance reflects the amount remaining from a grant provided by the Jack Petcey Foundation. The grant was made as a contribution to the Church's youth work and its use is restricted to the purchase of equipment or payment towards the direct costs of the youth work.

9. Buildings Fund Payments

Potential exists for a conflict of interest relating to payments to K & GN (t/a W J Norman and Son). The trustees adopt procedures to manage this & protect the charity.

Summary of Payments:	2024	2023
Maintenance works: -		
Work done by K & GN	0.00	1,832.40
Replacement Gas Heaters	0.00	0.00
Other Church/Manse works	1,538.41	973.81
total Maintenance Works	1,538.41	2,806.21
Regular Servicing & Inspection	1,300.80	1,522.80
	<u>2,839.21</u>	<u>4,329.01</u>

The Buildings Fund is a 'designated' fund. In effect, this means that the church is free to re-designate amounts to the General Fund, if it so wishes.

10. Thank Offering

For 2024 the Church Members decided to distribute funds raised through the Thank Offering 50% to the 10th Enfield BB and 50% to the General Fund but designated for use in upkeep of the Manse.

The balance showing will be disbursed accordingly, along with any receipts from HMRC, once claimed.

11. Legacies:

There are no restrictions and the funds remain available for the Church to use at its discretion.

12. Not Used

13. Debtors	2024	2023
Gift Aid	9,827.00	8,758.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	220.00	301.00
GASDS	1,148.71	963.00
Premises Hire	4,174.00	3,980.00
Trusts (75% to General Fund)	0.00	225.00
	<u>15,369.71</u>	<u>14,227.00</u>

14. Creditors	2024	2023
Amounts to be disbursed	0.00	97.50
Others	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>97.50</u>

15. Non-Monetary Assets held for the Church's own use:**2024****2023**

The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee the London Baptist Property Board Ltd:

Church Premises at an insured value (re-assessed in 2023) of:	4,710,851	4,595,989
Church Manse at an insured value of:	565,835	445,978

The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of:	<u>111,764</u>	<u>109,039</u>
	<u>5,388,450</u>	<u>5,151,006</u>

Note: The insured values represent estimated re-building costs. In both cases this is likely to be less than current market values.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 4 relating to the year ending 31st December 2024 are as approved by the Trustees.

Signed:

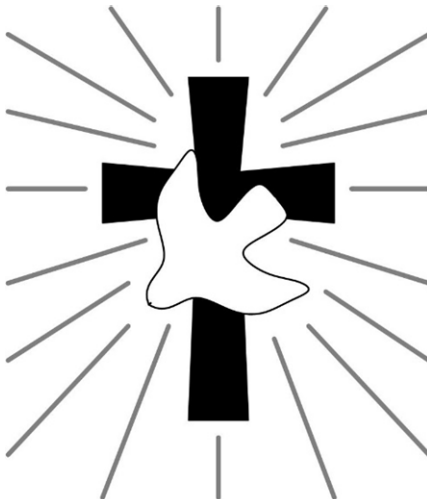


Treasurer

Date: 24th March 2025

Accounts

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for the World*

Annual Report 2023

Introduction

The Annual Report has been prepared by the Trustees to give an account of the Church's activities during 2023 to the Membership. It also fulfils the Church's legal requirement to submit an Annual Report to the Charity Commission. The report is divided into two parts:

Part 1 describes how the Church is organised and financed and gives details of the activities that are normally undertaken by the Church in fulfilling its charitable objective. This part is quite formal as much of the information is legally required to be included in the report.

Part 2 describes the activities and events that have taken place during 2023 and is much less formal. It aims to give a picture of the life of the Church and contributions have been included from a number of people.

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church

Compton Road, Winchmore Hill, London N21 3PA

www.winchmorehillbaptistchurch.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1134122

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Charity Trustees:

Rev Ebenezer Boakye	Minister
John Burridge	Treasurer
Inez Collins	Deacon (to 25 th March)
Sonia Gumbs	Deacon
Richard Greenaway	Deacon (from 25 th March)
Chris Norman	Deacon (to 25 th March)
Barbara Richardson	Secretary (to 25 th March)

Custodian Trustee:

London Baptist Property Board Ltd

The Trust Company holds the deeds of the following properties:

- Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, Compton Road, London N21 3PA
- 29 Orpington Road, London N21 3PD

No property valuation has been undertaken on either property in recent years. The values shown in the accounts are the insured values.

Bankers:

- HSBC Bank PLC, PO Box 131, 1 The Town, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6LD
- CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

PART 1

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by an Approved Governing Document (known as the “Constitution”) which was adopted on 6th December 2009 and amended on 25th March 2023. The rules for the election of Charity Trustees and appointment of Members are given in the Constitution.

The Charity Trustees (‘Trustees’) are the Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and a number of Deacons. All of these are appointed by the Church Members’ Meeting. The Minister is a permanent employee of the Church. The remaining Trustees are elected from amongst the Membership and receive no remuneration.

The Trustees meet monthly and are responsible for the day to day running of the Church’s work and witness and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Members’ Meeting for guidance or may be raised by Members for further consideration by the Trustees.

The Church Members’ Meeting has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. There were 6 scheduled Ordinary Church Members’ Meetings in 2023 (including the Annual Church Members Meeting often referred to as the AGM) and one Special Church Members’ Meeting, on 25th March, at which certain amendments to the Constitution were approved.

All Members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. New Members are enrolled by agreement of the Church Members’ Meeting, normally after baptism by

immersion upon personal profession of faith, though Members may be accepted based on their own public profession of faith.

The job of managing the Church's finances is carried out by the Treasurer and assisted by the Finance Committee, whose responsibilities include paying the Church's bills and salaries, keeping financial records, claiming Gift Aid on donations from individuals where possible and preparing the accounts. A team of cashiers counts and records the money received from weekly offerings and pays it into the bank.

Appointment of Trustees

At the Annual Church Members' Meeting on 25th March 2023, Barbara Richardson stood down as Secretary and both Inez Collins and Chris Norman stood down as Deacons. Richard Greenaway was elected as Deacon for a one-year term.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

In fulfilling this purpose, the Church aims to engage in activities including:

- Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching.
- Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's declaration of principle.
- The Communion of the Lord's Supper

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- Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally
- The teaching, inclusion, welcome and encouragement of young people
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples
- Education and training for Christian and community service
- Giving and encouraging pastoral care
- Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad.
- Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am and occasionally at other times. All services are open to the public and the times are advertised on the Church's notice board and on the internet. Members of the congregation are encouraged to invite their friends and relatives. Additional publicity is distributed for special services at Christmas and Easter. There is no charge to attend any worship service.

During 2023 a mid-week Prayer and Bible Study Group has continued, over zoom and a monthly in-person Prayer Meeting started.

The Church has a close relationship with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and provides free use of the premises for their activities as well as hosting a number of joint events.

The Minister, who is a paid employee of the Church, is responsible for leading and co-ordinating the Church's activities

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including the Sunday services, providing pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and equipping and encouraging the membership in their life, Christian witness, and service.

All the remaining work necessary for the operation of the Church is carried out by volunteers, including organisation of and participation in activities, cleaning, preparation and maintenance of the premises, administration, pastoral visits and prayer. A list of all those who carry out this work is given in the document 'Positions of Responsibility'. Many of those who organise activities have written their own account of them, and these have been compiled together in part 2 of this report.

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and abroad. These include Members of the Church who are working as missionaries in the Far East. The Church is a member of *the Baptist Union of Great Britain* and the *London Baptist Association* and supports other Baptist churches through contributions to the Home Mission fund. The Church also supports local education charity *Pathway* and is a member of *Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Grange Park*, through which it participates in activities with other churches in the area.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, and we believe that the activities of the Church which are described above provide significant public benefit in line with that guidance. It has always been the desire of the Church to reach as many people as

possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

Financial Review

At the time of writing the church accounts for 2023 are awaiting independent examination. This review is therefore subject to completion of that process.

Although each year brings another challenge the Lord continues to provide for the needs of His church. Despite starting 2023 with a budgeted deficit of £16,739 for the General Fund, we arrived at the end of the year £18,940 better off; with a small surplus of £2,201.

The church's reserve policy remains as approved in 2018 and dictates we retain a minimum of six months expenditure plus a further £10,000 to allow for emergency building repairs. Based on budgeted levels of expenditure going into 2024, this equates to around £51,000.

The church has no separate reserves fund but holds surplus funds within the General Fund. At the start of 2023 the General Fund balance was £69,788 and at the end of the year this had risen to £71,989, with close to £51,000 being held on deposit with the London Baptist Property Board & earning interest.

General Fund

The £18,940 improvement on budget is the result of £13,858 more Receipts (income) – significantly £7,475 from premises hire – and £5,082 less Payments (expenditure).

All this has been achieved by the hand of the Lord, through Church Members, those in the congregation and others who have generously continued to support the church with their prayers, time and/or money.

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Although above budget, total Receipts from Members and friends of the church, including Gift Aid continues to decline, from pre-COVID levels.

However, the rate of decline has slowed and perhaps, as we begin to experience growth in the congregation and membership again, this decline may reverse.

Receipts from premises hire have grown again this year and are a significant proportion of the total, highlighting the importance upon maintaining our premises.

As noted elsewhere and quite apart from special offerings (funds) raised for other causes, the church has continued to give generously to mission work, locally (at home) and overseas, totalling £14,869 and representing 29% of the Receipts (income) from Members and friends of the church.

The percentage split of all Payments made from the General Fund is as follows: -

• Ministry costs, incl. Minister's Stipend	51%
• Mission, mostly donations	21%
• Premises insurance, upkeep, fuel & cleaning	26%
• Organisation	2%
	100%

Buildings Fund

In addition to being a meeting place for Sunday services, prayers & bible studies our buildings provide a great base for our youth work, through the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, as well as for external activities such as Carey Hall Preschool, Enrich Learning, Tailor Fitness and other local organisations and families. The Trustees have a duty to keep all church buildings in an appropriate state of repair and this, of

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course, includes the manse at 29 Orpington Road, which is also owned by the church and where our pastor and his family live.

There are not the individuals in the church with the same commitment, time and DIY skills that once was the case but if you are that person, please let our Building Maintenance team know! With rising costs, we are otherwise reliant on generous donations and careful spending.

We spent relatively little in 2023 but still transferred the budgeted £6,000 from the General Fund into the Buildings Fund, leaving the Buildings Fund with a balance at the end of 2023 of £3,300, which includes a generous donation of £400.

We are actively putting together a list of works required at the Manse but have a number of projects in the church too, which will all need to be funded and/or otherwise resourced before they can proceed.

Main Concerns

Our Objectives as a charity stem from a desire to devote ourselves to the Lord, and to work to fulfil the Lord's commission in Matthew 28:19-20 to, *"go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"*. Within this context, our main concerns as Trustees are: -

1. To continue to be a church that supports world mission, in line with our World Mission Statement. We have struggled to maintain the level of giving to World Mission in recent years and would like to increase this.
2. To nurture the growth we have begun to see in the church, to build on this and see more of the church involved in our own, local outreach.

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3. To continue to benefit from hiring out our premises for purposes that do not compromise our objectives as God's people.
4. To progress addressing the immediate and future needs of the church buildings and manse.
5. Although the financial outcome for 2023 was much better than we expected, we have budgeted again in 2024 for a large deficit. We would like to be in a more stable position financially but recognise our need to trust God more and keep our eyes on Him, which may be what we are learning as a church, through this.

Our confidence is in God's provision through His people, to rise to these challenges and we continue to look to the Lord to inspire & guide us and provide all we need to be an effective part of His work.

John Burridge

PART 2

Minister's Report

The purpose of this report is in twofold. First, to look back at what has taken place at WHBC in this past year. Second, to challenge us to look ahead into 2024 with prayer and expectation that God will do even greater things in our midst and give us divine victories. But before everything, I think as a church (WHBC) we have much to thank God for during the last year for His sustenance and protection over the church and members of the congregation. Reflecting on the past year, as the minister, we have continued the journey with confidence dwelling on the

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theme “Be Fruitful and Multiply” in Genesis 9:1. We have remained focused and dedicated to our spiritual and numerical growth. We constantly remind ourselves of the role we play in the Baptist Union and Body of Christ, therefore our focus remains steadfast on advancing the gospel message in our borough through evangelism, prayers, and support for the needy.

Sunday Services

There is a plan behind the preaching and teaching ministry of our Church, and I am thankful to Innocent Udokporo, John BurrIDGE and Bennedicta Boakye for sharing in this ministry with me. Most often, our preaching is delivered as a series in response to what we sense God is saying, and although this is planned in advance, our week-to-week preparation and prayer is essential in listening to the voice of the Lord. Our preaching and teaching also reminds us that the Word of God is alive and true, that it communicates the “all things” of God, and so as we pray it stirs a longing and a love for God’s Word within all of us. The practice of believers’ baptism remains strong in our principles and declaration as Baptist Family. In 2023, we had two people baptised and made a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We give glory to God and celebrate this new life in Christ that those individuals are enjoying.

Bible Studies

The bible tells us that the New Testament Church “*devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*” (Acts 2:42), and “*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*” (Heb 10:25). Emulating the early Church’s success and responding to the call of faithful disciples of Christ, we continue to run the on-line weekly bible studies, using the “MasterLife” study materials, which

comprises four books. We are now in the fourth and final book (The Disciple's Mission) and hope to finish it in 2024. The call to discipleship is a challenging journey, but it is worth responding. The study of "MasterLife" has introduced us to the mission of God and how we are to respond to the call. The book has been both challenging and helpful in our spiritual growth. For some of us in the group, the Bible Studies represented an opportunity to helpfully refocus their gaze on Jesus and renew their love for him. We give thanks and praise to God for His work in this way. Those who have committed to come every week would bear witness within themselves that God is gradually transforming them day by day and they are eager to share with others this transformation.

We continue to encourage others in the church family to join, and it is a joy to see one of our new members of the church joining us. We pray this will continue to motivate evangelism as we continue to study the scriptures together.

Prayer Meetings

As a Church we value prayer, therefore we started the year and ended with one week of prayer and fasting. We have continued with intercessions prayers during Sunday Church Services and our weekly on-line Prayer Meetings. In 2023, we introduced in-person monthly prayer meeting, which is up and running. We also open the church to the public every Wednesday afternoon for personal prayers and reflections and we've seen a few people coming in to pray. We hold 30-minute prayer sessions in the Elsie Silby Room before each Sunday service starts and pray for individuals who want to be prayed for in the "Prayer Corner" after the service. We have heard testimony upon testimony because of these prayers. We are a committed member of the Churches

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Together group, where we join the fortnightly on-line prayer meetings, covering various topics and issues.

Looking Forward

We stumbled, but we are rising again. We were bruised by COVID, and the cost-of-living crisis but we are healing. We have largely recovered and found our footing. We have dusted ourselves off, and now we face tomorrow with confidence, trusting that God will do greater things in this year. Every day we pray and trust that we will overcome any adversity and any setbacks in our church, families or community. As we look forward prayerfully in 2024 with the theme (Walking in Divine Victory, 1 John 4:4) in sight, we are aware of the oppositions, but will resist and persist. The Bible encourages us to fight a good fight and not flee. That is the spirit of the Church, that is our armour and our shield. On this note, please pray that as a church and Trustees we may have wisdom, insight, and courage.

We hope to continue our weekly activities and program to sustain all the ministries in WHBC and pray for further growth in the future. Adding to this, we hope the ministry will be strategic and thoughtful in planning so that events and programs are manageable and empowering, thereby facilitating ongoing momentum in discipleship transformation and lifelong learning of Scriptures.

I sincerely thank all those who have contributed one way or another and those who are serving faithfully in the church. I want to encourage you to remain in that commitment, for your service in the Lord shall not be in vain!

Rev Ebenezer Boakye

Secretary's Report

Starting 2023 with the Church Motto & Theme for the year, "*Be fruitful and multiply*" became an inspiration, as we waited expectantly on the Lord. Now, looking back, we have seen again that the Lord is faithful.

Although the numbers of Church Members has been on a slow decline, accentuated over the pandemic, we are now beginning to see an increase, not only in our congregation but also in those entering into the covenant of church membership. With a number of membership visits planned for 2024 we pray this will continue and be a sign that God is at work amongst us. We continue to pray for and encourage those we have not seen for a while to become familiar faces amongst us again.

As we begin to grow, albeit it slowly at present, we are keen to embrace and encourage all those in the congregation to take their place in the family of God, to develop their own understanding of and relationship with the Lord and know Him at work in their lives.

At a Special Church Members Meeting held immediately before the AGM in March 2023, we adopted an amended Constitution together with an Appendix. This concluded outstanding actions from before the pandemic.

At the same AGM we were sad to see a number of deacons end their terms of service and stand down, including our Secretary Barb Richardson. We welcomed Richard Greenaway but our diaconate is still only three-strong at present and we lack a Secretary. However, we look forward to seeing how the Lord will build this aspect of His church here, too and are keen to involve others in serving however they may feel able to.

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We celebrated our church anniversary with a time of informal worship & prayer on the Saturday evening and welcomed Rev. Rupert Lazar who preached at the service on Sunday morning, 14th May. The service was followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

We held another Open Day on 16th September 2023 along a similar format to that in 2022 and had similar success.

Our pastor, Ebenezer and his wife, Bennedicta, spent approximately five weeks in West Ghana, over September and October, following the death of Bennedicta's father.

In the second half of the year, following their deaths, we joined family and friends in thanking God for and celebrating the lives of two of our long-time members, Dorothy Wisdom and Jean Blaxland.

And finally, 2023 has seen the resurrection (from before the COVID pandemic) of the church cleaning rota, which is a reminder to thank all those connected with the church who do so many things to keep things running for the benefit of us all, whether through emotional, financial, physical or spiritual support and encouragement: thank you!

The deacons.

Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Grange Park ('CTPGWH+GP')

The local Churches Together group in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Grange Park provides opportunities for the different churches to worship, work, have fellowship and witness together.

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The year started, as usual, with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which begins with the Feast of St Peter on the 18th January and concludes on the 25th January with the Feast of St Paul. Each year churches from different countries around the world take turns to produce material around a theme relating to their situation to be used during the Week of Prayer. In 2023 the material was provided by the Churches of Minneapolis, entitled "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17) exploring how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. We were again able to meet for prayer during the week in each other's buildings using the meditations provided.

Again, this year, the churches came together in February for our Lent meeting. This year, we looked at the Christian response to Climate Change. This proved very thought provoking as we heard what different church groups were doing to address this issue. We are very grateful to Rev Jim Gascoigne for organising this meeting and for Winchmore Hill URC for hosting us again.

The next event which provided an opportunity for the different churches to come together, to demonstrate our unity, was the Good Friday Walk of Witness. Our section of the Walk of Witness started at Winchmore Hill Green and we finished at St Monica's Catholic Church where we joined the other section from Palmer's Green for a short open-air service followed by refreshments, including hot cross buns.

St Monica's was able again to hold their evening of quiet reflection on the meaning of the Cross with help from the music of the St Monica's Worship Band and readings telling the story of the events of Good Friday

Churches Together wanted to witness to the real meaning of Christmas so last year, they placed a half page colour advertisement, in the Enfield Independent, wishing the readers a very Happy Christmas. It included a picture of the Nativity and the names of the churches in the group.

The Churches Together Prayer Meeting has continued to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to pray for the different churches and the needs of our area, which we do on on-line, via Zoom. The members, although small in number are very committed and there is real sense of fellowship and friendship.

I stepped down from the position of chairperson at Easter and I am extremely pleased to report that, in September, Rev. Jim Gascoigne volunteered to take on this responsibility. Jim set up a meeting for the clergy and church leaders of our group, for fellowship and mutual support which met once in 2023 and with the desire of meeting once a term in 2024.

Carin Blunn

10th Enfield Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Company

Our Vision is that children and young people experience 'life to the full' through coming to know Jesus for themselves (John 10:10). All that we do as a group is focused on this, having faith in young people, providing them with opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian Faith.

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We've had another great year, maintaining a steady number with nearly 50 children and young people engaging in our weekly activities across all age groups.

In June at our Parade Service, we presented our Annual Awards recognising the achievements of all the children and young people from over the last 12 months. This was a great time together which saw parents and the wider church congregation able to see all that we had been up to during the session.

During the Summer months all age groups were able to get out and about and enjoy a range of offsite activities at the park, kayaking, raft building, adventure golf and a whole lot more. 10 of our Juniors joined in the Enfield Battalion Weekend Camp in July, which offered a range of activities on and offsite. Our Summer Camp took us to West Runton in Norfolk, with 8 of our boys as well as some young people from 3rd Enfield and 4th Barnet Companies for our weeklong camp. The boys enjoyed a wide range of activities on camp including surfing, go-karting, high ropes course, climbing, a visit to Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park and a whole lot more. During the week our devotions focused on the Book of Matthew.

In October we held our Enrolment Service which saw over 30 children and young people in Church along with a good number of parents. The theme of the service which was led by Chris Norman was Jesus being the light of the world, and how this is good news for each one of us. It was great to see so many of our children and young people being enrolled and presented with their membership cards for the session, thank you to Richard Greenaway on behalf of the Deacons for leading this part of the service. Over that same weekend 10 Juniors took part in a Sleepover at the Church as part of BIG 140 Sleepover, joining

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around 2000 young people across the country, this was all part of The Boys' Brigade's 140th Birthday celebrations.

In early November a small group of our Seniors took a trip up to Alton Towers, and as well as enjoying a day in the park, the group took to the Peak District to explore Dovedale and climb Thorpe Cloud.

BB/GA members and their parents and family joined together with the Church for Remembrance Sunday Service, before joining other groups from across Enfield in the afternoon at a Civic Service at the War Memorial in Enfield Town.

In the lead up to Christmas 20+ young people from our group took part in the Parade of Light in Enfield Town. Our Christmas Trailer Collection got us out in the community in the run up to Christmas with our Company and Senior members helping to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice as well as Company funds. We're pleased to have been able to raise over £4000 this year.

Our Fundraising at this current time is focused around raising funds to pay back a loan (interest free) that enabled us to purchase our new minibus. We are grateful to all those that have made donations and participated in the various fundraising events including the Christmas Fayre, Quiz Night, Trailer Collection and more.

Recently 13 Company/Senior members joined members from across Enfield on a Weekend Away at Felden Lodge, BB Headquarters. A great weekend was had by all, with a range of activities including, swimming, high ropes, climbing, bonfire, devotions, quiz and Top Golf to mention just some of the activities.

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Our young people have also enjoyed events run by Enfield Battalion including a visit to Whipsnade Zoo, a Space Themed Afternoon, Quiz & Pizza Night and Bowling competition.

On 11th February 20+ children & young people along with a good number of parents/family members joined the wider Church for our Parade Service. The service was led by Chris Norman and was focused on Lent, providing an opportunity to consider the journey during this time, the sacrifices we make, and how we can share the love of Jesus as we head towards Easter. It was another blessed time together as a Church.

Our weekly programmes and residentials include opportunities for us to share the good news and get into the Bible, engaging with children and young people who otherwise wouldn't come across the doorstep of the Church. We have continued to do this throughout the last 12 months, helping them to explore the Bible and providing them with opportunities to have a personal encounter with Jesus. We have faith that through their journey with us, as leaders through the relationships we build and programme we offer that we may be able to plant a seed, which will one day bear fruit (Mark 4). We are thankful for the prayers and support from the wider Church for all that goes on week by week.

As an example of our weekly programme of activities, our Juniors have recently been exploring and learning about The 10 Commandments through a number of activities. In February, in the lead up to Shrove Tuesday all our age groups focused on the beginning of Lent, exploring the journey Jesus went on as we head towards Easter. Our Anchors have had a themed night based on The Wise and Foolish Man, exploring the parable through a range of activities including building their own Lego

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Houses and testing them out on the sand/rock. Our Company/Seniors age group has been focusing on the Parables of Jesus as part of a series for their weekly devotions.

The Anchors age group meets on a Tuesday evening and continues to run a programme including games, crafts, devotions and other interests. The Anchors age group is led by Philip Norman and Tina Stanley. There are currently 14 boys and girls in Anchors.

The remainder of the girls age groups (Juniors and Company) also meet on Tuesday evening, led by Jackie Norman and supported by Kevin Norman. There are currently 8 girls in this age group.

The boys Juniors age group meets on Thursday evening and the programme includes games, crafts, devotions and other interests. The Juniors age group is run by Chris Norman and Oliver Richardson assisted by Philip Norman, there are currently 14 boys in this age group.

There are currently 17 boys in the Company and Seniors age groups, they meet on a Thursday evening and their programme includes games, crafts, devotions and other interests. This age group is led by David Hann and Chris Norman with Andrew Blunn, Philip Norman and Oliver Richardson assisting.

We also want to say thank you to Caroline and Tim Gillard, who even though they are now some distance away continue to support our programme throughout the year.

As well as all those leaders mentioned above, we also want to say a big thank you to Robin Baker, our Treasurer who behind the scenes support us in managing our finances. We are really grateful to Robin for all his hard work and support.

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We would like to put out a special request for those that might be willing to offer some time to help with a specific activity. This could be leading a devotional time or sharing a skill or hobby with the boys/girls.

We are looking forward to next session, as we will be celebrating 100 years of BB serving the local community as part of Winchmore Hill Baptist Church. 10th Enfield Company was formed on 24th October 1924 and has since that time played a significant role in the lives of thousands of children and young people. This is a really significant milestone and we are thankful for all that has happened over the last 100 years and looking forward for all that is to come.

Finally, we would like to say a special word of thanks to all those that support the young people and leaders throughout the year. We thank you for your time, thoughts and prayer in all that we do.

Chris Norman.

You can stay up to date with all that we are doing by following us Facebook (facebook.com/10enfieldbb).

You can also visit our website at <http://10enfield.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Prayer Chain

Philippians 4:6 encourages us not to be anxious about anything, but to bring all our needs to God in prayer with thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for so many amazing answers to prayer during this year as we have come to the Lord in faith and trust,

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believing that He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or imagine. PTL for His amazing love and faithfulness!

This year most of the prayer requests have been sent out on WhatsApp with a few by email to those who do not have that facility. Let us continue to bear one another's burdens in prayer, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Let us continually place into our Heavenly Father's loving and capable hands all our needs and those of our family and friends and especially those in our fellowship, for the Lord's abundant blessings of love, joy, peace, grace and healing in His name and for His glory. Indeed, 'To God be the glory, great things He has done!' PTL! Amen and Amen!

Jenny Lane

World Mission Committee

The Committee consists of Barbara Richardson, Jenny Lane, and Keith Richardson, with the support of Pastor Ebenezer Boakye.

The Committee has not met in person since COVID but communicated principally through exchange of email and phone calls. The main role has been to inform the Church Membership and wider congregation of the news and prayer needs of our missionaries and mission partners.

Peter and Janet Dallman, working with OMF in Japan, are still based in Tokyo where they continue in ministry of Member Care, orientation of new missionaries, including pre-assignment workshops, coaching and mentoring. They continue in membership of Gyotoku Christian Church where they participate in various ministries including a Lunch Club and occasional

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preaching. WHBC continues with financial support for Peter and Janet via funding to OMF (the contribution in 2023 was £9,375.00).

Our retired missionary Betty Caplin continues to reside in the Retirement Home in Ladysmith, South Africa. She remains very contented in the Home and continues to find opportunities to share her faith with others residing at the Home.

Sandra Hlavnova, who has a calling for ministry in a Central Asian country continued throughout the year to visit churches in her home country of Slovakia. In this way she continues to seek to raise both prayer and financial support for her return to the town where she had already established good contacts on an initial short term mission trip. We recently heard from her the encouraging news that she had reached the minimum target of 90% pledged support from churches and individual supporters for annual costs of living and serving in Central Asia. She is the first overseas missionary to be sent out by her home church. During the year WHBC gave Sandra a gift of £909.61 which was half of the Thank Offering in 2023.

We as a church have continued to give general support to the work of the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS World Mission), with our regular donations during the year amounting to £1,599.96. The same amount was donated in 2023 to the Home Mission Fund.

We no longer have 'link' missionaries through the BMS following the decision of the Duprees family to set up their own work in Albania separate to the BMS programme.

Our annual Harvest Thank offering amounted to £642.00 which was divided between the work of Operation Agri (the BMS

Agricultural Development Aid Programme) and Open Doors, the latter seeking to provide aid for Christians under persecution overseas.

We give thanks for the missionaries and mission related organisations we support and that as a Church we have sufficient funds to support them despite a reduced Membership in recent years.

Keith Richardson

Buildings Maintenance

The Maintenance Committee comprises Philip Norman & John Burridge and many others contribute to repairs and upkeep of our buildings. We have been busy over the last year.

A group of Members carried out some works at the manse, which consisted of fixing fences, unblocking gutters and other essential maintenance works. There are still items to be carried out at the manse, along with some bigger jobs which are being looked into, so we can keep the property in good condition.

We organised a workday at the church in October, where we were able to do many essentials jobs around the buildings, such as re-sealing Carey Hall floor, fixing damaged pews in the sanctuary, removing large plant growth at the sideway and front of the church as well as cleaning around the building. Thank you to everyone who spared time to come down and make this happen.

Thankyou to those who have made special donations to the Buildings Fund over the last year. As a church we have agreed to spend money on our electrical systems. We have identified

parts of works which need to be carried out, we also need to continue to raise funds for these works. If you can help us financially, please speak to the Treasurer and if giving a specific donation please state which project you would like to support or just state Buildings Fund and know that we are grateful for the funds that enable us to keep our buildings in good shape.

As usual, it is not possible to name everyone who has contributed to the maintenance and upkeep work – there are far too many – but, if you helped in whatever way, please know that you have our sincere thanks and, of course, the work doesn't end!

If you are able to help in any way, whether it be decorating, DIY or cleaning, please let us know as we often have days down at the church to complete maintenance jobs and would be more than happy for any assistance you can give. Please don't be reluctant to come forward. We have plenty of jobs that can be undertaken by individuals of all levels of skill and competence!

Thank you for your continued support & prayers.

Philip Norman

Winchmore Hill Community Care Scheme

The Winchmore Hill Community Care Scheme has been providing support and services to the surrounding areas of Winchmore Hill and adjoining areas such as Palmers Green for over forty years.

The Scheme relies on volunteers to provide assistance to the elderly, house-bound and also to befriend those who would otherwise be isolated.

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This caring service has been a reliable source of good will to our communities by promoting mental health and wellbeing to folk living on their own. At present the Scheme supports twenty-two clients and benefits from having eight volunteers.

However, it has been facing a gradual decline in financial support. In the past it was supported by seven local churches but at present only four churches are continuing to support the Scheme and unless other financial support can be raised, it may have difficulty in functioning.

Inez Collins

Kids' Club

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church recognises the need to provide a space for children in our community to have a relationship with God and learn about Him.

During the year, we have worked closely with Pathway who have shared their material. This helped provide structure to our Kids Club sessions and the children enjoyed learning about Jesus through bible passages, videos, songs and practical activities.

Every Friday our Pastor Ebenezer and a member of the Kids Club team supports Pathway at Highfield Primary School, one of our local primary schools, with their lunch club, where children learn about Jesus.

We continue to celebrate Christmas with Highfield's school choir who sing at our annual Toy Service.

The school also joined us in January 2024 when we supported their learning of different Christian practices. 90 children together with their teachers visited the church to find out about

baptism. Pastor Ebenezer and members of our team explained the meaning of baptism and the different types. The children viewed the baptismal pool, and the full emersion was 'performed' to give the children a true experience of adult baptismal services.

Kids Club children who come regularly, attend with parents from our congregation. We have also had children from the pre-school which takes place during the week on the church premises. Whilst we have used Pathway's material, we also prepare things which reflect the ages of those children who attend which include their own bibles and prizes.

Sandra Burt

Worship Team (WOWH)

"These are the men David put in charge of the music in the house of the Lord after the ark came to rest." (1 Chron. 6:31)

"David appointed some of the Levites to lead the worship of the Lord, the God of Israel, in front of the covenant box, by singing and praising Him." (1 Cron. 16:4)

"And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord who should praise the beauty of holiness as they went out before the army, and to say, "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures for ever." (2 Chronicles 20:21)

The ministry of song to which the Levites were called was a service. They were to lead the praises of God's people. In other words, the musicians were to serve by leading, and to lead by serving.

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We the Worshippers of Winchmore Hill are once again grateful to God Almighty for granting us the grace to see another year.

We are privileged to be called to serve in the music ministry of Winchmore Hill Baptist Church.

Despite the challenges we've faced as a team, and the limitations, we can say that we've taken advantage of the opportunities God gave us to serve in our ministry.

Music is a form of worship that allows us to express our praises, love and gratitude to God. It is used to enhance worship, encourage each other or even to soothe the mind and soul.

Worship is an essential part of the service as well as a daily lifestyle. It comes like an arrow that divides and goes pass all barriers such as denominational, cultural, age and musical preferences because the aim is to exalt the name of God.

We as a team therefore pray for God's sufficient grace to be strong in our ministry, to grow both spiritually, skilfully, numerically, and in all areas that will glorify His name.

Bennedicta Boakye

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Winchmore Hill Baptist Church on the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2023.

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 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 Direction given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5)(b) of the charities Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

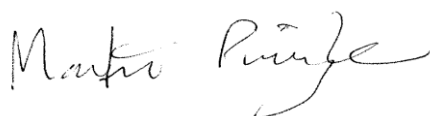
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from 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:

- 1) 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 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Martin D C Pringle

Professional qualifications: FIAB

Address: 25 Merton Road, Ilford, Greater London, IG3 8PB

Date: 29th May 2024

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Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2023

General Fund		(unrestricted)	
	Note	2023	2022
Receipts:			
Loose Offering		4,650.52	4,100.57
Regular Offering		35,810.00	38,595.00
Special Donations		1,250.00	50.00
Trusts		375.00	0.00
Premises		24,474.75	16,883.00
Manse Rent		0.00	0.00
Thank Offering		0.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		10,093.64	10,794.40
Interest	3	2,013.64	508.54
Miscellaneous Income		0.00	0.00
		<u>78,667.55</u>	<u>70,931.51</u>
Payments:			
Ministry	4	36,502.12	36,789.66
Mission	5	14,868.96	14,855.73
Premises	6	18,725.45	15,620.03
Organisation	7	1,710.25	1,495.71
Miscellaneous		0.00	0.00
		<u>71,806.78</u>	<u>68,761.13</u>
Fund Transfer			
Buildings Fund		(6,000.00)	(7,686.16)
Capital Accounts		0.00	130.00
Denning Trust		0.00	351.28
D Wisdom Funeral		168.28	0.00
Thank Offering		1,172.36	1,051.00
		<u>(4,659.36)</u>	<u>(6,153.88)</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		2,201.41	(3,983.50)
Balance brought forward		<u>69,788.06</u>	<u>73,771.56</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>71,989.47</u>	<u>69,788.06</u>

Thank Offering (designated)

	Note	2023	2022
Receipts:			
Special Donations		1,750.00	2,102.00
Loose Offering		69.22	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		513.00	0.00
		<u>2,332.22</u>	<u>2,102.00</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		1,172.36	1,038.50
Fund Transfer		1,172.36	1,051.00
		<u>2,344.72</u>	<u>2,089.50</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(12.50)	12.50
Balance brought forward		12.50	0.00
Balance carried forward	10	<u>0.00</u>	<u>12.50</u>

Youth Fund (restricted)

	Note	2023	2022
Receipts:			
Donations		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		633.96	633.96
Balance carried forward	8	<u>633.96</u>	<u>633.96</u>

Fellowship Fund (restricted)

	Note	2023	2022
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	10.00
Trusts		125.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		2.50	0.00
		<u>127.50</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		55.94	1,278.00
		<u>55.94</u>	<u>1,278.00</u>
Fund Transfer			
Denning Trust		0.00	117.09
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>117.09</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		71.56	(1,150.91)
Balance brought forward		<u>1,920.90</u>	<u>3,071.81</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,992.46</u>	<u>1,920.90</u>

Denning Trust (restricted) [CLOSED 2022]**Buildings Fund (designated)**

	Note	2023	2022
Receipts:			
Special Donations		400.00	475.00
Fund Transfer			
General Fund		6,000.00	7,686.16
Reclaimed Tax		118.75	705.62
		<u>6,518.75</u>	<u>8,866.78</u>
Payments:			
Church		3,859.01	13,573.05
Manse		470.00	426.18
	9	<u>4,329.01</u>	<u>13,999.23</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		2,189.74	(5,132.45)
Balance brought forward		<u>1,110.00</u>	<u>6,242.45</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>3,299.74</u>	<u>1,110.00</u>

Operation Agri (restricted)

	Note	2023	2022
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		269.58	0.00
		<u>269.58</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		1,347.90	0.00
		<u>1,347.90</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(1,078.32)	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>1,078.32</u>	<u>1,078.32</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,078.32</u>

LBA Home Mission (restricted)

	Note	2023	2022
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	90.00
Reclaimed Tax		22.50	12.50
		<u>22.50</u>	<u>102.50</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		0.00	145.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>145.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		22.50	(42.50)
Balance brought forward		<u>75.00</u>	<u>117.50</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>97.50</u>	<u>75.00</u>

Special Collections Account (not used - all allocated to separate funds)**Legacies (unrestricted)**

	Note	2023	2022
Receipts:			
Special Donations		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		<u>561.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>561.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(561.95)	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance carried forward	11	<u>438.05</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

Capital Accounts [CLOSED 2022]

Statement of Current Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2023

Assets:	Note	2023	2022
Cash at Bank			
CAFBank Cash Account		5,192.75	8,564.33
CAFBank Gold account		19,542.25	3,722.04
HSBC Community Account		3,018.24	29,313.27
Investments			
London Baptist Property Board Deposit Account		50,697.94	34,019.10
Sub-total		78,451.18	75,618.74
Debtors	13	14,227.00	13,807.50
Creditors	14	(97.50)	(1,165.82)
		92,580.68	88,260.42
Non-monetary assets held for the Church's own use	15	5,151,006	3,828,983

Long Term Liabilities:

The previous Plan deficit in the pension scheme is now zero, although a nominal £1 per month is still charged by the pension provider.
There are no other long term liabilities.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounts:

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Previous years details:

Details for the previous year have been included for comparison and do not form part of the accounts.

3. Interest/Investment income:	2023	2022
Interest received:		
Bank	330.84	63.31
HMRC	3.96	0.15
LBPB Deposit Account	1,678.84	445.08
	<u>2,013.64</u>	<u>508.54</u>

4. Ministry:	2023	2022
Pastor		
Stipend ex General Fund Rcpts.	30,100.00	28,462.56
Stipend ex CPJTrust Fund Rcpts.	375.00	0.00
Employer's Pension	3,760.80	3,494.28
Employer's NI	0.00	0.00
Manse Fuel	664.71	521.35
Allowances	0.00	9.00
Training & Conferences	484.01	536.24
Relocation Expenses	0.00	0.00
	<u>35,384.52</u>	<u>33,023.43</u>
Moderator		
Ex Gratia Payment	0.00	0.00
Other		
Pulpit Supplies	450.60	450.00
Pension Deficiency	12.00	2,552.16
Kids Club	0.00	61.82
Youth	605.00	702.25
Miscellaneous	50.00	0.00
	<u>1,117.60</u>	<u>3,766.23</u>
	<u>36,502.12</u>	<u>36,789.66</u>

5. Mission:	2023	2022
World Mission		
BMS World Mission	1,599.96	1,599.96
Home Mission	1,599.96	1,599.96
OMF International (UK)	9,375.00	9,375.00
	<u>12,574.92</u>	<u>12,574.92</u>
Pathway	£750.00	£750.00
Outreach	£249.49	£256.76
Donations & Subscriptions	1,294.55	1,274.05
	<u>14,868.96</u>	<u>14,855.73</u>

6. Premises (Upkeep of) :	2023	2022
Furniture & Equipment	145.00	33.75
Church Gas. Electricity & Water,	7,533.88	5,937.41
Church Cleaning & Refuse	2,509.13	2,079.30

7. Organisation:	2023	2022
Administration	459.44	290.26
Advertising & Publicity	120.00	390.32
Fellowship Activities	94.90	11.15
Software & Licences	545.55	314.38
Magazine	0.00	0.00
Telecoms	490.36	489.60
	<u>1,710.25</u>	<u>1,495.71</u>

8. Youth Fund Balance

The balance reflects the amount remaining from a grant provided by the Jack Petchey Foundation. The grant was made as a contribution to the Church's youth work and its use is restricted to the purchase of equipment or payment towards the direct costs of the youth work.

9. Buildings Fund Payments

A potential conflict of interest exists relating to payments to K & GN (t/a W J Norman and Son). The trustees adopt procedures to manage this & protect the charity.

Summary of Payments:	2023	2022
Maintenance works: -		
Work done by K & GN	1,832.40	4,284.00
Replacement Gas Heaters	0.00	5,946.00
Other Church/Manse works	973.81	1,292.01
total Maintenance Works	<u>2,806.21</u>	<u>11,522.01</u>
Regular Servicing & Inspection	1,522.80	2,051.04
	<u>4,329.01</u>	<u>13,573.05</u>

The Buildings Fund is a 'designated' fund. In effect, this means that the church is free to re-designate amounts to the General Fund, if it so wishes.

10. Thank Offering

For 2023 the Church Members decided to distribute funds raised through the Thank Offering 50% to S.Hlavnova's mission work and 50% to the General Fund.

Any balance showing will be disbursed accordingly, along with any receipts from HMRC, once claimed.

11. Legacies:

There are no restrictions and the funds remain available for the Church to use at its discretion.

12. Not Used

13. Debtors (Estimated)	2023	2022
Gift Aid	8,758.00	9,395.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	301.00	0.00
GASDS	963.00	787.50
Premises Hire	3,980.00	3,250.00
Trusts (75% to General Fund)	225.00	375.00
	<u>14,227.00</u>	<u>13,807.50</u>

Insurance, Church & Manse	5,246.86	4,365.78			
Manse Council Tax & Water	3,290.58	3,203.79	14. Creditors	2023	2022
Manse Fuel (Interregnum)	0.00	0.00	Amounts to be disbursed	97.50	1,165.82
	<u>18,725.45</u>	<u>15,620.03</u>	Others	0.00	0.00
				<u>97.50</u>	<u>1,165.82</u>

15. Non-Monetary Assets held for the Church's own use:**2023****2022**

The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee the London Baptist Property Board Ltd:

Church Premises at an insured value (re-assessed in 2023) of:	4,595,989	3,359,092
Church Manse at an insured value of:	445,978	377,946
The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of:	<u>109,039</u>	<u>91,945</u>
	<u>5,151,006</u>	<u>3,828,983</u>

Note: The insured values represent estimated re-building costs. In both cases this is likely to be less than current market values.

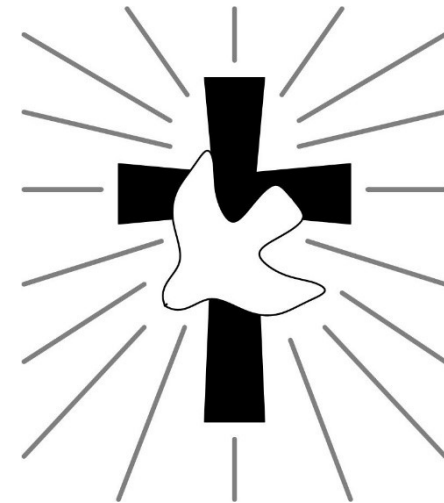
The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 4 relating to the year ending 31st December 2023 are as approved by the deacons.

Signed:

Treasurer**Date:** 29-May-24

Accounts

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church



*Together in Christ
for the World*

Annual Report 2022

Introduction

The Annual Report has been prepared by the trustees to give an account of the Church's activities during 2022 to the membership. It also fulfils the Church's legal requirement to submit an Annual Report to the Charity Commission. The report is divided into two parts:

Part 1 describes how the Church is organised and financed and gives details of the activities that are normally undertaken by the Church in fulfilling its charitable objective. This part is quite formal as much of the information is legally required to be included in the report.

Part 2 describes the activities and events that have taken place during 2022 and is much less formal. It aims to give a picture of the life of the Church and contributions have been included from a large number of people.

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church

Compton Road, Winchmore Hill, London N21 3PA

www.winchmorehillbaptistchurch.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1134122

Trustees:

Rev Ebenezer Boakye	Minister
Inez Collins	Deacon
John Burrridge	Treasurer
Sonia Gumbs	Deacon
Barbara Richardson	Secretary
Chris Norman	Deacon

Custodian Trustee:

London Baptist Property Board Ltd

The Trust Company holds the deeds of the following properties:

- Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, Compton Road, London N21 3PA
- 29 Orpington Road, London N21 3PD

No property valuation has been undertaken on either property in recent years and the values shown in the accounts are the insured values.

Advisors:

- HSBC Bank PLC, PO Box 131, 1 The Town, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6LD
- CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

PART 1

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by an Approved Governing Document (known as the “Constitution”) which was adopted on 6th December 2009. The rules for the election of trustees and appointment of members are given in the Constitution.

The trustees are the minister, secretary, treasurer, and a number of deacons. All of these are appointed by the Church Members’ Meeting. The minister is a permanent employee of the Church. The remaining trustees are elected from amongst the membership and receive no remuneration.

The trustees meet monthly and are responsible for the day to day running of the Church’s work and witness and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Members’ Meeting for guidance or may be raised by members for further consideration by the trustees.

The Church Members’ Meeting has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. There were 6 scheduled meetings in 2022 (including the Annual General Meeting).

All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. New members are enrolled by agreement of the Church Meeting, normally after baptism by immersion upon personal profession of faith, though members may be accepted based on their own public profession of faith.

They are mainly housebound, isolated elderly folks. Helped by the kindness of volunteers. At our recent meeting there were discussions with a view to incorporate 'Operation Fish'. They are a registered charity, and we are not. Therefore, nothing has been finalised. To conclude the management Community Care, want to thank everyone for their support.

We held two 'Workdays' this year, in May and October. These are days we encourage as many as possible to come along to, either do cleaning jobs or put their DIY skills to good use on a variety of things that are usually waiting for someone to do. Unfortunately, the turn-out in May was very poor but we were encouraged in October when a good number joined us, and we got through a good number of jobs on the list. I won't try to thank individuals here as I might forget someone, but you know who you are and all your help is greatly appreciated.

Our Deacons/Trustees recognise that we need to find longer-term solutions to our buildings maintenance needs and have this as an action to progress and input from Church Members and friends of the church are welcome – please contact John. Some of the ideas mooted are quite radical and if you are not able to help in any other way, please commit to pray that the Lord will provide and resource a plan for this.

We may not have adequately recognised the huge contribution past members made to maintaining our buildings but at present we are very much reliant upon external (paid) specialists and as many others as can get involved from time to time, for which Phil & I are very grateful.

If anyone would like to join our small team, please do let Phil or John know.

Management Community Care – Inez Collins

The management Community Care scheme is an essential support for the elderly, house bound, lonely folks. The scheme is financially supported by seven churches in the surrounding area of Winchmore. It relies on the support of volunteers. The scheme does not discriminate on racial or religious grounds and is recognised as the good neighbourhood support scheme. All are welcome to receive support, with a view to maintain their wellbeing.

At present we have twenty-six clients, needing help and support.

The job of managing the Church's finances is carried out by the Finance Committee (led by the Treasurer), whose responsibilities include paying the Church's bills and salaries, keeping financial records and preparing the accounts. A team of cashiers counts and records the money received from weekly offerings and pays it into the bank.

Appointment of Trustees

At the Annual General Meeting on 2nd April 2022, Paul Burt and Carolyn Greenaway stepped down as Deacons/Trustees and no new appointments were made. Sonia Gumbs was available for re-election for another term of service and was duly re-elected.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

In fulfilling this purpose, the Church aims to engage in activities including:

- Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching.
- Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's declaration of principle.
- The Communion of the Lord's Supper
- Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally
- The teaching, inclusion, welcome and encouragement of young people
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples
- Education and training for Christian and community service

- Giving and encouraging pastoral care
- Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad.
- Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am and occasionally at other times. All services are open to the public and the times are advertised on the Church's notice board and on the internet. Members of the congregation are encouraged to invite their friends and relatives. Additional publicity is distributed for our special services at Christmas and Easter. There is no charge to attend any worship service.

During 2022 the mid-week Fellowship Group for Prayer and Bible study has continued.

The Church has a close relationship with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and provides free use of the premises for their activities as well as hosting a number of joint events.

The minister, who is a paid employee of the Church, is responsible for leading and co-ordinating the Church's activities including the Sunday services, providing pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and equipping and encouraging the membership in their life, Christian witness, and service.

All the remaining work necessary for the operation of the Church is carried out by volunteers, including organisation of and participation in activities, cleaning, preparation and maintenance of the premises,

Maintenance Report – John BurrIDGE

The church finances have benefitted from some valuable extra income this year, through the hiring-out of the church halls/rooms. As well as Sunday Services and other church meetings, our buildings also provide a great base for the Boys Brigade and Girls Association. However, keeping our church buildings in a satisfactory state of maintenance continues to present challenges and it's easy to forget that we also a duty to keep the manse in good repair, not least because our pastor and his family live there.

We have a small Maintenance Committee consisting of Phil Norman (Leader) and John BurrIDGE and whilst we both cover a share of the smaller maintenance jobs, neither of us is a broadly skilled and 'handy' as we would like to be or have the time to do everything that is required.

The bigger jobs completed in 2022 include: -

- 'Spot' repairing and re-sealing Carey Hall floor,
- Replacing the four large gas heaters in the church sanctuary, which unexpectedly failed the annual testing and
- Removing plaster, installing a new chemical damp course & replastering etc., the external wall of the Meeting Room.

We still have electrical work to do in the church buildings, identified in the Electrical Installations Conditions Report produced back in 2020. We closed-out the immediate dangers noted in that report but there are a number of other items we still need to address. However, our ability to tackle many of these works or the other larger jobs that need attention is currently limited by the funds available.

We have some on-going challenges at the manse, which is in growing need of renewals as well as maintenance and re-decoration.

Slovakia (her home) where she is speaking in churches to increase awareness of the work in her country of interest as well as to raise prayer and financial support.

As a committee we have continued to receive communications from BMS Link Missionaries particularly those working in Albania. Whilst we don't specifically support individual missionaries, we do provide general support by giving to the BMS.

As in previous years WHBC has continued to support the work of Operation Agri (OA). Due to the retirement of Malcolm Drummond and since there was no one available with knowledge of OA to speak at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, a video of OA work shown in September at a service led by our Pastor Ebenezer. At this service an amount of £1,075 was donated to OA (including Gift Aid).

As in the previous year donations were invited for Home Mission in lieu of costs spent on Christmas postage. We are reminded of the writing on the Banner in the entrance lobby at WHBC which refers to reaching the world for Christ. We have as a church always attached great importance to the need for supporting outreach for the gospel both at home and abroad. As members of the Committee, we are privileged to play a part in the support of World Mission.

Flowers - Sonia Gumbs

Since lockdown, we have been unable to arrange and distribute fresh flowers weekly.

Binnie has been arranging the seasonal floral displays on the platform as a lovely alternative. We are very thankful to Binnie for her hard work and dedication. The remaining funds for flowers will be used to provide the yearly Christmas Poinsettia or for providing flowers on special occasions.

administration, pastoral visits and prayer. A list of all those who carry out this work is given in the document 'Positions of Responsibility'. Many of those who organise activities have written their own account of them, and these have been compiled together in part 2 of this report.

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and abroad. These include members of the Church who are working as missionaries in the Far East. The Church is a member of *the Baptist Union of Great Britain* and the *London Baptist Association* and supports other Baptist churches through contributions to the Home Mission fund. The Church also supports local education charity *Pathway* and is a member of *Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Grange Park*, through which it participates in activities with other churches in the area.

Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, and we believe that the activities of the Church which are described above provide significant public benefit in line with that guidance. It has always been the desire of the Church to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

Financial Review

At the end of 2022 we were reminded that Paul's words to the Philippians are for us too! "*My God will supply all that you need from his glorious resources in Christ Jesus.*" (Phil 4:1)

The church has a reserves policy agreed by the trustees and the Church Members' Meeting, which remains as approved in November 2018. However, there is no separate Reserves Fund and surplus funds are retained as part of the General Fund balance. The policy dictates we retain a minimum of six months expenditure plus a further £10,000 to allow for emergency building repairs. Based on budgeted levels of expenditure this equates to around £50,000.

The Baptist Union were able to announce in 2022 that as a benefit of a 'buy-in-policy' the employer debt on the Baptist pension scheme is no longer in a shortfall position, with the debt (estimated this time last year at £19,600) effectively now zero. This took effect part way through 2022 saving the church approximately £2,000 in the year.

General Fund

We are thankful to Church Members, those in the congregation and other supporters of the work of the church for their generosity in 2022. Although receipts from regular giving fell 6% on 2021 levels, this is against a backcloth of a 10% rise in the cost-of-living over the year and was partially offset by a 28% rise in loose offerings, which continue to grow but remain less than (68% of) pre-pandemic levels.

Church Members decided to give 50% of the Thank Offering to the BMS Ukraine Appeal in 2022 and the General Fund benefited by £1,051, being the residual amount. Other than that, though, special donations to the General Fund were less than in 2021.

The amount of tax reclaimed through the Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Schemes, was a smidgen higher than 2021 and we received £456 more in interest.

Receipts from hiring out church premises not only recovered well following the pandemic but in 2022 exceeded the (pre-pandemic) receipts recorded in 2019, by 30%.

World Mission Report 2022 – Keith Richardson

The committee, consisting of Barbara Richardson (Secretary), Keith Richardson, and Jenny Lane with support of Pastor Ebenezer Boakye, continued to discuss world mission matters on occasion during the year. As with previous years these discussions were held over the phone due to the limitations imposed by covid 19 regulations. In accordance with our established remit the committee members shared information on our missionaries, mainly through email and phone calls and in order to report their situation, prayer needs and news to the wider church membership and congregation mainly through church notices.

On January 2nd Pete and Janet Dallman had their virtual recommissioning service held by Zoom and returned to Japan to continue their work based in Tokyo.

Betty Caplin continues to reside in a Retirement Home in Ladysmith a few miles away from her home in Bergville, South Africa. Through letters mainly written to Jenny, she continues to live contentedly in the Retirement Home and to take opportunities to share the love of Christ and the gospel message in the Home.

Helen F in Central Asia followed the advice of her Mission to return to the UK in May 2021, due to the worsening Covid 19 pandemic and to take an extended break due to personal health problems after initially working at the Home Office of her sending agency she has now returned to work in her field of engineering although continues to support the work of the mission in Central Asia. It was through her recommendation that we were introduced to Sandra H who was also working in a Central Asian country. Subsequently we were pleased to invite Sandra to speak at our morning service at WHBC last November regarding her calling to this work. After the meeting she returned to

We would like to put out a special request for those that might be willing to offer some time to help with a specific activity. This could be leading a devotional time or sharing a skill or hobby with the boys/girls.

Finally, we would like to say a special word of thanks to all those that support the young people and leaders throughout the year. We thank you for your time, thoughts, and prayer in all that we do.

You can stay up to date with all that we are doing by following us on Twitter (@10enfieldbb) or Facebook (facebook.com/10enfieldbb).

You can also visit our website at <http://10enfield.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Prayer Chain Report

Philippians 4:6 encourages us not to be anxious about anything but to bring everything to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving.

This is what the members of the prayer chain have sought to do, and we are grateful to God for His amazing and wonderful answers to prayer in His great love and mercy. During the year, Coral Burrige felt that it was right to step down from her role in the prayer chain and we thank her for her valuable contribution over the years.

I was out of action for a while, although prayers continued via Ebenezer and the Deacons by WhatsApp. Recently, I have begun to use WhatsApp for prayer requests and this may well continue and this may well continue with a special Prayer Chain WhatsApp. Although those who wish to use email or phone will still be welcomed and included. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 it encourages us to 'rejoice always...pray continuously...and to give thanks in all circumstances'

Bless you all. – *Jenny Lane*

We had not received the expected contribution from the Captain Pierce Johns Trust for 2022 in time to be shown in the 2022 accounts, but it has now been received, as expected.

The percentage split of payments made from the General Fund is as follows: -

• Appointment of a minister & associated cost	54%
• Mission, mostly donations to others work	22%
• Premises insurance, upkeep (heating etc) & maintenance	23%
• Organisation	2%
	100%

Overall, total receipts (*excluding* fund transfers) rose by 5% (approx. £3,000) compared to 2021 and total payments (*excluding* fund transfers) fell by 2% (approx. £2,000), largely due to the reduced pension deficit charges.

Compared to our budget for 2022, our total receipts (*excluding* the Thank Offering) were £300 above budget. Our payments though were lower by £6,800 due to the pension deficit saving, lower ministerial expenses and less-than-budgeted fuel costs. And although the General Fund was required to contribute more to our Buildings Fund, it received £481.28 when we closed the Denning Trust and the Capital Account funds. Overall, the year-end position is around £6,000 better than budget, showing a deficit of £3,984 compared to a budgeted deficit of £9,920.

Of note: two receipts, one of £3,250 from Carey Hall Preschool and the other of £500 from Captain Pierce Johns Trust were due to be received in 2022 but came in too late to be included in the 2022 accounts. Had they been received in time, the General Fund would have been £3,625 better off and the deficit would have been

minimal, at only £359. That is a reminder of the goodness of God and something for us all to be thankful to Him for.

Buildings Fund

Visitors to the church often remind us of the great asset we have in our church buildings. In addition to being a meeting place for Sunday services, prayers & bible studies they provide a great base for our youth work as well as for external activities such as Carey Hall Preschool, Enrich Learning, other local organisations and families who are able to hire them out at reasonable rates for parties etc. The trustees have a duty to keep all church buildings in an appropriate state of repair and this, of course, includes the manse at 29 Orpington Road, which is also owned by the church and where our pastor and his family live.

This duty to maintain carries a cost, which is not insignificant. We are therefore always thankful for donations to our Buildings Fund and in 2022 we received £475.

Total payments from the Buildings Fund in the year, at £13,999, were more than expected due to an unforeseen need to replace the 4no. main gas heaters in the church sanctuary, at a cost of approx. £6,000. The General Fund is used to make-good any deficit in the Buildings Fund each year and the additional expense required a contribution of £7,686, which is £2,686 above the £5,000 budgeted.

There are a number of other maintenance needs, relating both to the church and to the manse. The trustees have an action to look more closely at this whole issue and identify how the church can meet both the immediate and the future need to maintain and where appropriate renew building elements. This is a challenge for the whole church and a matter for prayers of faith: God will provide!

The closing balance in the Building Fund covers the payment due for damp treatment work already completed in 2022.

Oliver Richardson assisting. It has been good to see our Minister getting involved in some of our weekly meetings with this age group since January, leading or supporting devotional sessions.

We also want to say thank you to Caroline and Tim Gillard, who even though they are now some distance away continue to support our programme throughout the year.

As an example of our weekly programme of activities, our Juniors have recently been exploring and learning about The Lord's Prayer through a number of activities, including creating a bracelet to help them remember it. In February, as part of Children's Mental Health Week all our age groups have been thinking about the impact of mental health, with opportunities to think about anxiety, anger and more - through this our devotions have led us into how God can be our strength, hope and comfort in these times. We've also explored our Global BB family, providing the opportunity to learn something about BB around the world (over 50 countries!!!) and we spent some time praying for some particular situations in those countries. The Company/Seniors have taken part in the Brigade's National Top Team Challenge with 3 teams entering this competition. Through their devotions they have been running a series on 'Who is Jesus' led by David and Ebenezer.

As well as all those leaders mentioned above, we also want to say a big thank you to Robin Baker, our Treasurer who behind the scenes support us in managing our finances. We are really grateful to Robin for all his hard work and support.

Our Vision is that Children and Young People experience '**life to the full**' through coming to know Jesus for themselves (John 10:10). All that we do as a group is focused on this, having faith in young people, providing them with opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian Faith.

swimming, crate stacking, climbing, bonfire and quiz to mention just some of the activities. Our young people have also enjoyed events run by Enfield Battalion including a visit to Colchester Zoo, a Jungle Themed Afternoon, Quiz & Pizza Night, and Top Golf competition.

Of course, our weekly programmes and residentials include opportunities for us to share the good news and get into the Bible, reaching out to children and young people who otherwise wouldn't come across the doorstep of the Church. We have continued to do this throughout the last 12 months and hope that through their journey with us, as leaders through the relationships we build and programme we offer that we may be able to plant the seed, that will one day bear fruit (Mark 4).

The Anchors age group meets on a Tuesday evening and continues to run a programme including games, crafts, devotions, and other interests. The Anchors age group is led by Philip Norman and Tina Stanley, with Ben Simon (a young leader) supporting them. There are currently 13 boys and girls in Anchors.

The remainder of the girls age groups (Juniors and Company) also meet on Tuesday evening, led by Jackie Norman and supported by Kevin Norman. There are currently 8 girls in this age group.

The boys Juniors age group meets on Thursday evening and the programme includes games, crafts, devotions, and other interests. The Juniors age group is run by Chris Norman and Oliver Richardson assisted by Philip Norman, there are currently 13 boys in this age group.

There are currently 14 boys in the Company and Seniors age groups, they meet on a Thursday evening and their programme includes games, crafts, devotions, and other interests. This age group is led by David Hann and Chris Norman with Andrew Blunn, Philip Norman and

Other Funds

Church Members decided to donate £1,000 of the Fellowship Fund to the LBA Home Mission, which amongst others provides support to churches & mission projects during these times of rising costs. Smaller amounts have been distributed to those in need, at the discretion of the Pastor and Treasurer. The Fellowship Fund balance remains healthy and benefits from a 25% allocation of amounts received from the Captain Pierce Johns Trust, albeit received too late to be included this year.

Our creditors include Operation Agri and LBA Home Mission, to whom we are due to disburse amounts donated and tax recovered during the year. This includes £1,075 collected for Operation Agri as part of our Harvest celebration.

We closed both the Denning Trust and the Capital Accounts fund in the year in response to feedback from the independent examination of the 2021 accounts. The residual balance in each fund was re-allocated between the General Fund and the Fellowship Fund, to respect the purpose of the original trust/donations. There was no movement on other funds.

Main concerns

The main concerns for the trustees are: -

1. Our chief concern is to be able to continue to devote ourselves to the Lord, to seek out and stay close to His will, to share His message, pray and act in faith. Our confidence is in God's provision through His people, to do this.
2. We continue to be a church that supports world mission and over 20% of income from donations went to world mission in 2022. We also aspire to grow our own, local mission and we launched Kids Club in Nov22, as part of this. Rising costs put all this under pressure though and once again we have

budgeted a large deficit for next year (2023). However, God has reminded us that He will provide for His church & in a sense we are increasing our reliance on Him to make the resources available.

3. We have seen what an asset our buildings can be, financially this year and we pray that we can continue to benefit from hiring out our premises for purposes that do not compromise our objectives as God's people.
4. The immediate and future needs of the church buildings and manse have been noted above and we are seeking the Lord to show us how we can rise to this challenge.

We continue to look to the Lord to inspire & guide us and provide all we need to be an effective part of His work: to see His kingdom come, His will be done and to build on this with fruitfulness and growth.

Ministers Report - Rev Ebenezer Boakye

In many ways, the year 2022 was both difficult and a good year. The paradox of the situation is that both the good and the difficulties were caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, as a Church, we are not moved by sight but by the word of God. We are very grateful to God for the ongoing Post Covid recovery process, it's been slow, but we trust to see the light at the end of the tunnel. 2022 theme (The Kingdom of God) was driven forward by the energy of the 2021 theme the (God of Impossible) during which we renewed our commitment to the studying of Scriptures and prayers and to the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit in the church and in the lives of individuals. Through that, God made it possible that those worst times really became the best times for us. Because failures were turned to new humility and joy when we repented. Because insults and persecutions

young people from 3rd Enfield Company for our weeklong camp. The boys enjoyed a wide range of activities on camp including surfing, go-karting, high ropes course, climbing, a visit to Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park and a whole lot more.

In October we held our Enrolment Service which saw over 30 children and young people in Church along with a good number of parents. It was great to see so many of our children and young people being enrolled and presented with their membership cards for the session. The theme of the service which was led by BB leaders was based on the parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders and building good foundations in our lives.

In early November a small group of our Seniors took a trip up to Alton Towers for their Firework Extravaganza, and as well as enjoying a day in the park and an amazing firework display, the group took to the Peak District to explore Hathersage and the surrounding area.

Our Christmas Trailer Collection got us out in the community in the run up to Christmas with our Company and Senior members helping to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice as well as Company funds. Even with us having to cancel a number of nights due to the snow/ice during that period, we were able to raise over £2000 this year.

Our Fundraising at this current time is focused around raising funds to pay back a loan (interest free) that enabled us to purchase our new minibus. We are grateful to all those that have made donations and participated in the various fundraising events including the Christmas Fayre, Quiz Night, Trailer Collection and more.

Recently 10 Company/Senior members joined members from across Enfield on a Weekend Away at Felden Lodge, BB Headquarters. A great weekend was had by all, with a range of activities including,

The position of chairperson is usually an annual appointment which rotates between the ministers of the different churches. As none of the clergy felt able to take on this responsibility at the present time, I volunteered to continue this position until Easter 2023.

Carin Blunn



Annual Report 10th Enfield Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Company 2022 - 2023

We've had another great year, maintaining a steady number with nearly 50 children and young people engaging in our weekly activities across all age groups.

In June at our Parade Service, we presented our Annual Awards recognising the achievements of all the children and young people from over the last 12 months. This was a great time together which saw parents and the wider church congregation able to see all that we had been up to during the session.

During the Summer months all age groups were able to get out and about and enjoy a range of offsite activities at the park, kayaking, raft building, playing foot golf and a whole lot more. Our Summer Camp took us to Overstrand in Norfolk, with 7 of our boys as well as some

were turned to new exhibitions of gospel love when we turned the other cheek. Because difficulties were turned to new spiritual character when we endured them through faith and trust. The cross itself is the ultimate 'best-worst' paradox. The worst thing that could happen to Jesus became the best thing that ever happened to the world. Deep defeat and weakness became great triumph and strength. That Jesus had to die on the Cross was the worst possible news, and the best possible news because we are that loved and saved.

2022 was good year because WHBC shared the gospel with more people on the street and in diverse ways. The sheer number of people listening and finding faith in the gospel was impressive and remarkable. It was a good year because God cleansed us by pruning and removing the dross. He humbled us and showed us that it's not by might, not power, but by His Spirit.

Sunday Services

Despite the challenges of 2022, we've come through together! What a blessing it has been to see our church expressing heartfelt concern for one another, with so many practical acts of generosity and kindness. But in spite of those remarkable experiences of what God is doing in our midst, WHBC could not escape the effects of the severe national Church attendance decline which has affected many Baptist Churches and denominations. It was a difficult year but that is also a sign that God is doing something new by building His people with power to rise above the situation. We've seen a significant changeover in the make-up of the church. While our core members have remained constant and faithful, the disruptions to our regular gatherings have seen some take the opportunity to make the decision to move on. At the same time, others have made the decision to join

the church, and have worked especially hard to welcome this new people into the church.

Worship

The deepest level of worship is praising God in spite of pain, trusting Him during a trial, surrendering while suffering, and loving Him when He seems distant.” — Rick Warren

2022 was another challenging year for the Worship Team (Worshippers of Winchmore – WoW) since we're still on the road to recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic. During the pandemic we introduced worshipping with music from YouTube.

But since last year (2022), we re-introduced live worship, as we did before the pandemic.

Praise be to God and many thanks to the worship team for their commitment, who usually rehearse together each week and give dedicated service to the church. We use resources and take inspiration from a wide variety of churches, songwriters, and SoF always seeking those songs that best express where we are as church. We love to encourage intimacy in our worship and love nothing more than seeing and hearing the people of WHBC expressing their heartfelt praise and worship to The Lord.

In spite of the limited resources for our church and the worship team and the fact that we had to adapt to not being able to play and lead live worships, I can say with confidence that the team has made a tremendous effort to re-group and have been able to have and will continue to have beautiful services with live worships.

We trust God whose word admonishes us through the psalmist to praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the strings and flute, praise Him with the clash of cymbals, praise Him with

We tried something different during Lent in 2022. Instead of the series of meetings on a specific theme spread over several, weekly sessions during Lent, we held one joint meeting. The local Anglican Area Bishop of Edmonton, Rev Rob Wickham agreed to speak to us on the subject “Lent in the 21st Century.” This was an excellent meeting and Bishop Rob’s talk was an inspirational and thought provoking. We are grateful to Bishop Rob and to Winchmore Hill United Reformed Church for providing the venue.

We were very pleased to again be able to hold the Good Friday Walk of Witness when the churches in the area demonstrate their unity. Our section of the Walk of Witness started at Winchmore Hill Green and we finished at St Monica’s Catholic where we joined the other section from Palmer’s Green for a short open air service.

St Monica's was able again to hold their evening of quiet reflection on the meaning of the Cross with help from the music of the St Monica's Worship Band and readings telling the story of the events of Good Friday

Churches Together wanted to witness to the real meaning of Christmas so last year, Churches Together placed a half page colour advert, in the Enfield Independent, wishing the readers a very Happy Christmas. The advert included a picture of the Nativity and the names of the churches in the group.

The Churches Together Prayer Meeting has continued to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to pray for the different churches and the needs of our area. We have decided to continue to meet on Zoom. The members, although small in number are very committed and there is a real sense of fellowship and friendship.

participated in preaching and led in Services. There are a number of people who have contributed to the life and activities of the church who have not been named but who have contributed significantly to the prayer life and worship of the Church.

Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Grange Park (CTPGWH+GP)

The local Churches Together group in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Grange Park provides opportunities for the different churches to worship, work, have fellowship and witness together.

2022 has been a year of starting again after the various Covid lockdowns when we were unable to meet. The Churches Together Forum for the clergy and church representatives met on four occasions during 2022. Attendance at these meetings have been on the low side but it improved slightly when we started meeting on Zoom.

The year started, as usual, with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which begins with the Feast of St Peter on the 18th January and concludes on the 25th January with the Feast of St Paul. Each year churches from different countries around the world take turns to produce material around a theme relating to their situation to be used during the Week of Prayer. In 2022 the material was provided by the Churches of the Middle East, entitled "We saw his star in the East" It has been the practice in our Churches Together group to meet for prayer during the week in each other's buildings using the meditations provided and with the lifting of the Covid restrictions, we were able to meet in this way again.

resounding cymbals, that our worship team, will be strengthened and empowered to continue to lead us in worship.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD. (Psalm 150:3-6)

The PA system technical team exists as part of the worship team, and they've work hard to ensure the worship is as high a quality as possible and to record sermons so they could be made available on our website. The worship and the technical teams' activities have greatly impacted our services.

MODLE OF GROWTH

Part of our theme for this year is focus on church growth. Our overall aim is to grow from a small / medium size Church into a medium / large Church. We have therefore identified the need to develop the following ministries.

Bible Studies

Our online bible studies have proven to be a great working model that connects with people who wouldn't have joined in-person. It is, therefore, likely that we will continue to run the bible studies online. We continue to use the "MasterLife" material, which comprises four books. We are now on book three (The Disciple's Victory) which we found very helpful in our spiritual growth and the call to faithful disciples of Christ. The number of participants has been steady, and over the months, we have seen people growing in discipleship and the Holy Spirit stirring up and encouraging them to lead some sessions. It is an exciting time as we meet exploring God's word, sharing, and praying together, all in ways that help us best connect our hearts with God's heart and learn that when partnered with Him, we are powerful and have a role in the kingdom. Plans are now in place to start in-

person bible studies at the church sanctuary soon for those who prefer not to join online. We are also looking for people to host home groups in their homes.

We hope these Bible classes will benefit us find fresh perspectives on scripture and challenge us to make Christ the centre of our lives and put our faith into action in the world today thereby growing our church.

Prayer Meetings

Prayer continues to underpin and shape all that we do. We encourage praying cooperatively as a church and as individuals. We have increasingly felt the need to seek God for revival in the church and to intervene in the Russia/Ukraine war just as He intervened during the Covid pandemic. As a result, our weekly on Zoom prayer meeting and monthly in person prayer meeting has been intensified and has been very successful. We maintain our commitment as part of the Churches Together in Enfield Borough with a vision to see our communities being transformed through prayer and community actions.

The vision for the revival and Church growth has been a particular focus for prayer and especially praying that the revival will start with us that the Lord may help us build a core team and stir up our hearts to carry the gospel message of hope and love forward to the dying World. What joy to see this prayer answered with a resounding yes, more prayer sessions has been planned and started as things develop. New Wednesday's afternoon prayer meeting has started and hosted by John Burridge. Prayer continues before and after services at Elsie Silsby room and "prayer corner" respectively. We've seen sparks of these prayers been answered and yielding fruits in the church and in our individual lives. I want to encourage you to prioritise prayer in creative ways that would benefit your Spiritual life and the body of Christ.

leadership in encouraging the Members to undertake a specific training for this work and to work with Highfields Primary School in conjunction with Pathway leading the Friday Lunch time school Meetings.

We are grateful that our premises have been made available and used by other fellowships for ministry and outreach into the community, for example the regular weekly 'More than a Song' singing group and also an Easter Holiday Club. Our member Onyinye has been able to use our premises regularly for a weekly educational programme which is providing a service to the community and in doing so enhances the reputation of WHBC for helping the community. The premises have been let out regularly for which we are grateful for the income, and we are grateful for Chris Norman in taking on responsibility for Lettings which has provided a significant amount of revenue during the year. The Treasurers Report will elaborate on this. We are grateful for the Maintenance Committee and others who have assisted in keeping the property maintained and cleaned. (See Report by Maintenance Team).

We are grateful to Derek and Serena for still being willing to produce the Spotlight Magazine although effectively during the year it was put on hold due to a reduction in article contribution reflecting our smaller church membership.

I would like to thank the Deacons for their continued service despite reduction in size of the team and together with our Pastor they have participated in several additional meetings to discuss the development and spiritual growth of church life. A number of our members have also contributed to leading and preaching during our Ministers Annual Leave and on other occasions for which we are very thankful.

We are grateful too for the initiative of the WOW team and their contribution to live worship most Sundays, led by Benne who has also

in the responsibility and response to our current position. My request of you is simply to pray. Pray not for a particular outcome, but with an open heart to hear God. That may sound very passive, but I believe God will guide us toward a response both individually and collectively. Prayer leads to action and action leads to change. Change grounded in prayer binds us together as God's people. Let's keep trusting God who miraculously covered our previous deficits.

Secretary's Report – Barbara Richardson

Looking back over the last year (2022) I am grateful for all that the Lord has done and continues to do at WHBC and personally for His enabling during my time as Secretary. For the last two years I have not been in the UK during the first part of the year and have not been present for the Church AGM and so look forward to being there this year. (Previous years I was in NZ to help care for my Mother).

As a church there have been times when we have struggled with the lack of human resources but by God's grace, we have enjoyed the warmth that particularly comes from meeting in person. Several of our members are restricted from coming due to immobility or other factors and we also value their involvement in the service via zoom. This is the reason that we continue to make this facility available, despite the lifting of restrictions in meeting together.

Current Membership stands at 42 members, and an average attendance each week at around 25 including Zoom attendees. Several new initiatives started last year including the Open Day when the Church was open to the public to come in and look around and learn more of the history, the current ministries and to most importantly welcome people in. Another Ministry started was the Kids Club beginning at the end of November. We are grateful for our Pastors

Open Day

Open Day was another successful growth model. The goal was to let people know WHBC is here, especially those new in the area, encourage people into the church buildings and to show off the whole church premises (incl. areas for hire out). We also wanted to provide means of engaging with people and allow us to explain what we do in church thereby creating opportunities to tell them of God's love for them, explain/share our faith, pray for/with people etc. Advertising other church activities: including BB/GA, tutoring, and Kids Club and getting contact details for those who are interested in finding out more. Generally, the day went well with approximately 20-25 people coming through the Church.

Kids Club

Another ministry program that was launched last year, November was KID CLUB. Thanks to the Kids Club Team for their hard work. The goal is working in partnership with many other local community groups: schools, churches of all denominations, local authorities, local charities, support groups and individuals who share our passion for building community here in Winchmore Hill. We have therefore strengthened our relationship with Pathway and Highfields School and It's been lovely to see the Kids Club team involved in all the sessions at both Highfields and Church in so many creative ways. We are actively involved in the Highfields School "Lunch Time Club" where we go to the School every Friday for Children biblical activities. We are engaging between 10 to 15 Children every Friday.

It's been great and encouraging to see some few Children coming to the Kids Club and responding by sharing their thoughts about what they've learnt to the church. Our aim is not just to see Kids Club as a model of growth but also to model them after Christ and that they

might grow in the knowledge and in the fear of God so that one day, they might confess Jesus as their Lord and saviour.

Looking Forward

Paul tells us to expect that we will routinely grow in grace and ministry effectiveness through experiences of weakness (2 Corin 12:9-10). I certainly hope that 2023 is not so obviously 'best worst' as 2022 was! But we should not be surprised nor discouraged when we get seasons like that (1 Peter 4:12-13.) With the 'worst' will always, eventually, come 'the best'! That is how the cross works. It comes attached to the resurrection. So, we look forward to a better-than-ever ministry year in 2023

The theme God has given us this year is as a church is "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (Gen 9:1). therefore, will focus our work in three areas: **participation, witness, and growth**. These focus areas are nothing new but continue to be key components of Christian ministry and it is central in our theme for the year. In this ministry, we all play a role of nurturing our faiths which is a call we are each given that begins with our baptism and extends throughout our spiritual life till we attain the full discipleship mandate. After a few years when our way of gathering was threatened by Covid-19, it is imperative to now reclaim what will strengthen us for tomorrow.

Participation encourages community, no one is part of a family without contributing to it in some way. Parents teach their children to share in duties, family decisions, work, and joy. The same is true in a church family. As we all take up a role and contribute to the livelihood of all, we bless one another and provide continuity and stability. Churches don't exist without intentional participation and participation helps us to see God in action right in our very own time.

Our **Witness** tells a story. I wonder what stories will surface from our COVID or Russia/Ukraine experience? How we have experienced God, or even felt God's absence echoes the voices of the church fathers. They too struggled in times of upheaval and violence, loss of homes, jobs, and family. They too both wondered where God was amid it all and were deeply grateful as they leaned into God's promises. As we talk with our loved ones or in bible studies and testimony times here at WHBC, what is your story? What is our story? How we tell it can provide hope and encouragement for those in distress and generations to come.

Growth, this period, particularly Covid-19 may not have been a period of numerical growth in our church, but I as I mentioned earlier, we did grow greatly in spiritual dimension. This path of faith is not always easily charted, but we keep moving forward. As we look forward however, we take with us lessons learned and we learned a lot in the past couple of years. We've learned the value of belonging, the importance of personal contact and relationships. We've found new significance in coming forward, in-person for Holy Communion. We get to know a little better about our shared humanity as we share tea and coffee after church. We know more of our strength as we have continued in prayer, song, and service. We've flexed new muscles of faith, and naturally are a bit stiff and sore as a result. Yet, here we are, still a community in Christ and most Sunday one or two new people visit and fellowship at WHBC.

Finally, a word about finances. I do not usually comment about our finances or budgetary position, I reserve that to our able treasurer, but I know this is weighing on the hearts and minds of our membership. I presumed that you feel stretched and worried about our deficit, and it is important that I comment on it. The more we come together in open conversation in any area of ministry, the more we learn from one another and have opportunity for mutual support. Each of us shares

Report to the trustees of Winchmore Hill Baptist Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



Geoffrey S. Hill FCA

23rd February 2023

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Winchmore Hill Baptist Church Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2022

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Introduction

These are the Winchmore Hill Baptist Church Accounts for the year, along with the accompanying Notes.

The table "Fund Balances" below is good place to start as it gives an overview for each fund. The table summarises the starting balance (B/Fwd), receipts (money in), payments (money out), any transfers between funds, together with the closing balance (C/Fwd) for each fund held.

In simple terms, the total of all the closing balances (which are carried forward to next year) is the total cash held in the church's bank accounts, at the end of the year.

Fund Balances, 2022							
	a	b	c	d=b+c	e	f	g=a+d+e+f
	B/Fwd	Receipts			Payments	Fund Transfers	C/Fwd
	01-Jan-22	Various	Reclaimed Tax	Total	Total	Total	31-Dec-22
Bldg Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Buildings Fund	6,242.45	475.00	705.62	1,180.62	(13,999.23)	7,686.16	1,110.00
Capital Accounts	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(130.00)	0.00
Denning Trust	468.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(468.37)	0.00
Fellowship Fund	3,071.81	10.00	0.00	10.00	(1,278.00)	117.09	1,920.90
GENERAL FUND	73,771.56	60,137.11	10,794.40	70,931.51	(68,761.13)	(6,153.88)	69,788.06
Operation Agri	1,238.78	1,078.32	206.25	1,284.57	(1,445.03)	0.00	1,078.32
LBA Home Mission	117.50	90.00	12.50	102.50	(145.00)	0.00	75.00
Legacies	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Thank Offering	0.00	2,102.00	0.00	2,102.00	(1,038.50)	(1,051.00)	12.50
Youth Fund	633.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	633.96
	86,674.43	63,892.43	11,718.77	75,611.20	(86,666.89)	0.00	75,618.74

Further detail, fund by fund, is shown below and in the accompanying Notes, which also provide some basic information on how the Accounts have been prepared along with a few explanations.

The main movements in the year are in the Buildings Fund, the Fellowship Fund and the General Fund, where the closing balance is approx. £4,000 less than the opening balance: the deficit.

General Fund (unrestricted)			
	Note	2022	2021
Receipts:			
Loose Offering		4,100.57	3,203.48
Regular Offering		38,595.00	40,859.00
Special Donations		50.00	2,007.50
Trusts		0.00	339.00
Premises		16,883.00	10,600.00
Thank Offering		0.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		10,794.40	10,681.08
Interest	3	508.54	52.96
Miscellaneous Income		0.00	0.00
		<u>70,931.51</u>	<u>67,743.02</u>
Payments:			
Ministry	4	36,789.66	37,349.77
Mission	5	14,855.73	17,761.99
Premises	6	15,620.03	13,714.10
Organisation	7	1,495.71	1,589.45
		<u>68,761.13</u>	<u>70,415.31</u>
Fund Transfer			
Buildings Fund		(7,686.16)	(4,000.00)
Capital Accounts	12	130.00	0.00
Denning Trust	12	351.28	0.00
Thank Offering		1,051.00	3,537.50
		<u>(6,153.88)</u>	<u>(462.50)</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(3,983.50)	(3,134.79)
Balance brought forward		<u>73,771.56</u>	<u>76,906.35</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>69,788.06</u>	<u>73,771.56</u>

Thank Offering (designated)			
	Note	2022	2021
Receipts:			
Special Donations		2,102.00	0.00
Reclaimed Tax		0.00	0.00
		<u>2,102.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		1,038.50	0.00
Fund Transfer		1,051.00	0.00
		<u>2,089.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		12.50	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward	10	<u>12.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Youth Fund (restricted)			
	Note	2022	2021
Receipts:			
Donations		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>633.96</u>	<u>633.96</u>
Balance carried forward	8	<u>633.96</u>	<u>633.96</u>
Fellowship Fund (restricted)			
	Note	2022	2021
Receipts:			
Special Donations		10.00	0.00
Trusts		0.00	113.00
Reclaimed Tax		0.00	0.00
		<u>10.00</u>	<u>113.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		1,278.00	0.00
		<u>1,278.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Fund Transfer			
Denning Trust		117.09	0.00
		<u>117.09</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(1,150.91)	113.00
Balance brought forward		<u>3,071.81</u>	<u>2,958.81</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,920.90</u>	<u>3,071.81</u>
Denning Trust (restricted) [CLOSED THIS YEAR]			
	Note	2022	2021
Receipts:			
Trusts		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Transfers Out		468.37	0.00
		<u>468.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(468.37)	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>468.37</u>	<u>468.37</u>
Balance carried forward	12	<u>0.00</u>	<u>468.37</u>

Buildings Fund (designated)			
	Note	2022	2021
Receipts:			
Special Donations		475.00	2,906.35
Fund Transfer			
General Fund		7,686.16	4,000.00
Reclaimed Tax		705.62	137.50
		<u>8,866.78</u>	<u>7,043.85</u>
Payments:			
Church	9	13,573.05	969.05
Manse		426.18	78.00
		<u>13,999.23</u>	<u>1,047.05</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(5,132.45)	5,996.80
Balance brought forward		<u>6,242.45</u>	<u>245.65</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,110.00</u>	<u>6,242.45</u>
Operation Agri (restricted)			
	Note	2022	2021
Receipts:			
Special Donations		1,078.32	975.00
Reclaimed Tax		206.25	263.78
		<u>1,284.57</u>	<u>1,238.78</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		1,445.03	0.00
		<u>1,445.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(160.46)	1,238.78
Balance brought forward		<u>1,238.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,078.32</u>	<u>1,238.78</u>
LBA Home Mission (restricted)			
	Note	2022	2021
Receipts:			
Special Donations		90.00	50.00
Reclaimed Tax		12.50	12.50
		<u>102.50</u>	<u>62.50</u>
Payments:			
Disbursement		145.00	0.00
		<u>145.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(42.50)	62.50
Balance brought forward		<u>117.50</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>75.00</u>	<u>117.50</u>

Legacies (unrestricted)				
		Note	2022	2021
Receipts:				
Special Donations			0.00	0.00
			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:				
Fund Transfers			0.00	0.00
			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year			0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward			<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance carried forward	11		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

Capital Accounts [CLOSED THIS YEAR]				
		Note	2022	2021
Receipts:				
Special Donations			0.00	0.00
			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:				
Transfers Out			130.00	0.00
			<u>130.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year			(130.00)	0.00
Balance brought forward			<u>130.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>
Balance carried forward	12		<u>0.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>

Statement of Current Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2022

Assets:		Note	2022	2021
Cash at Bank				
CAFBank Cash Account			8,564.33	2,276.13
CAFBank Gold account			3,722.04	6,805.87
HSBC Community Account			29,313.27	44,018.41
Investments				
London Baptist Property Board Deposit Account			<u>34,019.10</u>	<u>33,574.02</u>
Sub-total			75,618.74	86,674.43
Debtors	13		13,807.50	10,854.00
Creditors	14		<u>(1,165.82)</u>	<u>(1,356.28)</u>
			<u>88,260.42</u>	<u>96,172.15</u>
Non-monetary assets held for the Church's own use	15		3,828,983	3,454,532

Long Term Liabilities:

The previously reported deficit in the pension scheme is now zero, although a nominal £1 per month is still charged by the pension provider.

There are no other long term liabilities.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Previous years details

Details for the previous year have been included for comparison and do not form part of the accounts.

3. Interest/Investment income

	2022	2021
Interest received:		
Bank	63.31	2.11
HMRC	0.15	0.00
LBPB Deposit Account	445.08	50.85
	<u>508.54</u>	<u>52.96</u>

4. Ministry

	2022	2021
Pastor		
Stipend ex General Income	25,067.16	24,479.76
Stipend ex CPJ Trust	0.00	339.00
Pension	6,889.68	6,801.72
Employer's NI	0.00	0.00
Manse Fuel	521.35	347.23
Allowances	9.00	74.99
Training & Conferences	536.24	120.00
Relocation Expenses	0.00	0.00
	<u>33,023.43</u>	<u>32,162.70</u>

Moderator

Ex Gratia Payment	0.00	0.00
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Other

Pulpit Supplies	450.00	210.00
Pension Deficiency	2,552.16	4,303.32
Kids Club	61.82	0.00
Youth	702.25	673.75
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
	<u>3,766.23</u>	<u>5,187.07</u>
	<u>36,789.66</u>	<u>37,349.77</u>

5. Mission

	2022	2021
World Mission		
BMS World Mission	1,599.96	1,600.02
Home Mission	1,599.96	1,599.99
OMF International (UK)	9,375.00	12,499.98
Let's keep our spiritual eyes fixed trusting Him to provide all that we need.	12,574.92	15,699.99
Pathway	£750.00	£750.00
Outreach	£256.76	£0.00
Donations & Subscriptions	1,274.05	1,312.00
	<u>14,855.73</u>	<u>17,761.99</u>

6. Premises (Upkeep of)

	2022	2021
Furniture & Equipment	33.75	111.91
Church Gas, Electricity & Water	5,937.41	4,682.22
Church Cleaning & Refuse	2,079.30	1,801.16
Insurance, Church & Manse	4,365.78	4,172.95
Manse Council Tax & Water	3,203.79	2,945.86
Manse Fuel (Interregnum)	0.00	0.00
	<u>15,620.03</u>	<u>13,714.10</u>

7. Organisation

	2022	2021
Administration	290.26	541.85
Advertising & Publicity	390.32	36.03
Fellowship Activities	11.15	21.99
Software & Licences	314.38	415.29
Magazine	0.00	0.00
Telecoms	489.60	574.29
	<u>1,495.71</u>	<u>1,589.45</u>

8. Youth Fund Balance

The balance is the amount remaining from a grant provided by the Jack Petchey Foundation, made as a contribution to the church's youth work. Its use is restricted to the purchase of equipment or payment towards the direct cost of the youth work.

9. Buildings Fund payments

	2022	2021
Paid to K&GN (C.Hall floor)	4,284.00	0.00
Replacement Gas Heaters	5,946.00	0.00
Regular Servicing & Inspection	2,051.04	771.32
Other Church Maintenance	1,292.01	197.73
	<u>13,573.05</u>	<u>969.05</u>

Potential exists for a conflict of interest relating to payments to K & GN (t/a W J Norman and Son). The trustees adopt procedures to manage this & protect the charity.

10. Thank Offering

For 2022 the Church Members decided to distribute funds raised through the Thank Offering 50% to the BMS Ukraine Appeal and 50% to the General Fund.

The balance showing will be disbursed accordingly, along with any receipts from HMRC, once claimed.

11. Legacies

There are no restrictions and the funds remain available for the Church to use at its discretion.

12. Capital Accounts & the Denning Trust

A proposal was approved by the Church Members Meeting on 24 November 2022 by which it was agreed the separate reporting of these two funds should cease.

- (i) The Capital Accounts fund, of £130.00 was transferred 100% to the General Fund, reflecting the unrestricted nature of the donations.
- (ii) The Denning Trust fund, of £468.37 was transferred 75% to the General Fund and 25% to the Fellowship Fund, reflecting the original purpose of the fund which ran from 1724 until closed in 2013.

13. Debtors

	2022	2021
Gift Aid	9,395.00	10,068.00
GASDS	787.50	786.00
Premises Hire	3,250.00	0.00
Trusts (75% to General Fund)	375.00	0.00
	<u>13,807.50</u>	<u>10,854.00</u>

14. Creditors

	2022	2021
Amount to be disbursed	1,165.82	1,356.28
	<u>1,165.82</u>	<u>1,356.28</u>

15. Non-Monetary Assets held for the Church's own use

	2022	2021
The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee the London Baptist Property Board Ltd:		
Church Premises at an insured value of:	3,359,092	3,028,973
Church Manse at an insured value of:	377,946	342,650
The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of:	91,945	82,909
	<u>3,828,983</u>	<u>3,454,532</u>

Note: The insured values of both premises are likely to be significantly less than the current market values.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 4 relating to the year ending 31st December 2021 are as approved by the deacons.

Signed:

J C Burrridge

Treasurer

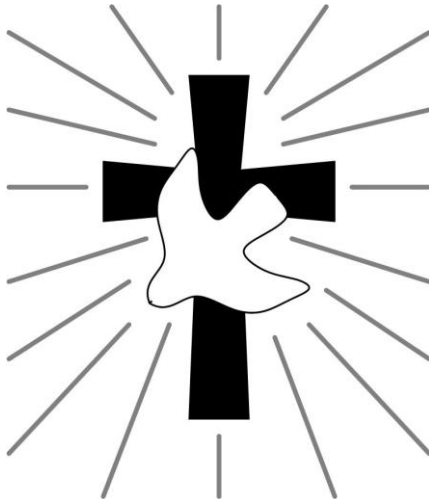
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WINCHMORE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134122

Accounts

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church



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for the World*

Annual Report 2021

Introduction

The Annual Report has been prepared by the trustees to give an account of the Church's activities during 2021 to the membership. It also fulfils the Church's legal requirement to submit an Annual Report to the Charity Commission. The report is divided into two parts:

Part 1 describes how the Church is organised and financed and gives details of the activities that are normally undertaken by the Church in fulfilling its charitable objective. This part is quite formal as much of the information is legally required to be included in the report.

Part 2 describes the activities and events that have taken place during 2021 and is much less formal. It aims to give a picture of the life of the Church and contributions have been included from a large number of people.

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church

Compton Road, Winchmore Hill, London N21 3PA

www.winchmorehillbaptistchurch.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1134122

Trustees:

Rev Ebenezer Boakye	Minister
John Burrridge	Treasurer
Paul Burt	Deacon
Inez Collins	Deacon
Carolyn Greenaway	Deacon
Sonia Gumbs	Deacon
Chris Norman	Deacon
Barbara Richardson	Secretary

Custodian Trustee:

London Baptist Property Board Ltd

The Trust Company holds the deeds of the following properties:

- Winchmore Hill Baptist Church, Compton Road, London N21 3PA
- 29 Orpington Road, London N21 3PD

No property valuation has been undertaken on either property in recent years and the values shown in the accounts are the insured values.

Advisors:

- HSBC Bank PLC, PO Box 131, 1 The Town, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 6LD
- CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

PART 1

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by an Approved Governing Document (known as the “Constitution”) which was adopted on 6th December 2009. The rules for the election of trustees and appointment of members are given in the Constitution.

The trustees are the minister, secretary, treasurer and a number of deacons. All of these are appointed by the Church Members’ Meeting. The minister is a permanent employee of the Church. The remaining trustees are elected from amongst the membership and receive no remuneration.

The trustees meet monthly and are responsible for the day to day running of the Church’s work and witness and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. Relevant matters may be submitted to the Church Members’ Meeting for guidance or may be raised by members for further consideration by the trustees.

The Church Members’ Meeting has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. There were 6 scheduled meetings in 2021 (including the Annual General Meeting).

All members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. New members are enrolled by agreement of the Church Meeting, normally after baptism by immersion upon personal profession of faith, though members may be accepted based on their own public profession of faith.

The job of managing the Church’s finances is carried out by the Finance Committee (led by the Treasurer), whose responsibilities include paying the Church’s bills and salaries, keeping financial records, and preparing the accounts. A team of cashiers counts and

records the money received from weekly offerings and pays it into the bank.

Appointment of Trustees

At the Annual General Meeting on 27th March 2021 John Burrridge was elected as Treasurer, Barbara Richardson as Secretary; Inez Collins, Carolyn Kindberg and Basma Stone as Deacons for a three year terms.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

In fulfilling this purpose, the Church aims to engage in activities including:

- Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching
- Baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's declaration of principle
- The Communion of the Lord's Supper
- Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- The teaching, inclusion, welcome and encouragement of young people
- Nurture and growth of Christian disciples
- Education and training for Christian and community service
- Giving and encouraging pastoral care

- Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad.
- Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Central to the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am and occasionally at other times. All services are open to the public and the times are advertised on the Church's notice board and on the internet. Members of the congregation are encouraged to invite their friends and relatives. Additional publicity is distributed for our special services at Christmas and Easter. There is no charge to attend any worship service.

With continued restrictions due to Covid 19, during the year some services were held only via Zoom and other activities were stopped or likewise took place on Zoom. Most children's activities continued and some activities have been made more available through the use of Zoom. We continued to operate services on Zoom, even after lockdown restrictions were lifted and will keep our use of Zoom under review as we move forward.

The Church has a close relationship with the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association and provides free use of the premises for their activities as well as hosting a number of joint events.

The minister, who is a paid employee of the Church, is responsible for leading and co-ordinating the Church's activities including the Sunday services, providing pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and equipping and encouraging the membership in their life, Christian witness and service.

All of the remaining work necessary for the operation of the Church is carried out by volunteers, including organisation of and participation in activities, cleaning, preparation and maintenance of the premises, administration, pastoral visits and prayer. A list of all those who carry out this work is given in the document 'Positions of Responsibility'. Many of those who organise activities have written their own account of them and these have been compiled together in part 2 of this report.

The Church provides financial and prayer support to organisations working for the advancement of the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and abroad. These include members of the Church who are working as missionaries in the Far East and South Africa. The Church is a member of *the Baptist Union of Great Britain* and the *London Baptist Association* and supports other Baptist churches through contributions to the Home Mission fund. The Church also supports the local education charity *Pathway* and is a member of *Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Grange Park*, through which it participates in activities with other churches in the area.

Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission and we believe that the activities of the Church which are described above, as well as the buildings, provide significant public benefit in line with that guidance. It has always been the desire of the Church to reach as many people as possible in our community with the Christian message and to welcome new faces into our fellowship.

Financial Review

The church has a reserves policy agreed by the trustees and the Church Members' Meeting, which remains as approved in November 2018. However, the church does not hold a designated Reserves Fund. Any surplus funds are kept in the General Fund. The policy dictates we retain a minimum of six months all expenditure plus a further £10,000 to allow for emergency building repairs. Based on budgeted levels of expenditure this equates to around £50,000. The church's portion of the employer debt on the Baptist pension scheme is in addition to this and is estimated to be £19,600 as at 20/12/21.

General Fund

We are thankful to Church Members, those in the congregation and other supporters of the work of the church for their generosity. Including the tax recovered on donations, those individuals provided approximately 85% of receipts in the year and whilst receipts are not back to pre-pandemic levels, we are grateful that we have seen increases in 2021. As part of this, loose offerings increased in the year but are still only 53% of pre-pandemic levels, perhaps reflecting the lower numbers attending church services in person. The amount of reclaimed tax, through Gift Aid etc., decreased slightly.

Receipts from hiring out church premises is recovering well following the restrictions of the pandemic but there was a drop in the amount received from the Captain Pierce Johns Trust. Once again, the General Fund benefited from over £3,500 raised through the Thank-Offering.

The percentage split of all payments under the General Fund is as follows:-

- | | |
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| • Appointment of a minister & associated cost | 50% |
| • Mission, mostly donations to others work | 24% |
| • Premises insurance, upkeep (heating etc) and maintenance | 24% |
| • Organisation | 2% |

Overall, total receipts increased by 3% and total payments, excluding the transfer to the Buildings Fund fell by almost 2%, largely due to the reduced church donation to world mission.

With the budgeted £4,000 transfer to the Buildings Fund, there was a deficit for the year of £3,135 for the General Fund, leaving a balance of £73,771. We can be thankful that the deficit is lower than in 2020 and that the balance covers our basic requirement for the reserve.

Buildings Fund

The trustees were reminded recently of the great asset we have in our buildings. As well as a meeting place for Sunday services, the church buildings provide a great base for our youth work as well as for external activities such as Care Hall Preschool, other local organisations and families who are able to hire them out at reasonable rates. The trustees have a duty to keep the building in an appropriate state of repair, to which there is clearly a cost.

In addition to the budgeted £4,000 transfer, we are thankful for a generous donation to our Buildings Fund in 2021 and for the fund-raising activity.

Payments in the year were limited but the balance of £6,242 needs to be considered against a backcloth of our commitment, late in the year, to work on Carey Hall floor, as well as an ever-increasing list of maintenance and renewal items, both foreseen and unforeseen.

Other Funds

The Fellowship Fund continues to be adequately financed. This includes a 25% allocation of amounts received from the Captain Pierce Johns Trust, albeit reduced this year.

Our creditors include Operation Agri and BMS Home Mission, to whom we are due to disburse amounts donated and tax recovered

during the year. This includes £975 collected for Operation Agri during our Harvest celebration.

There was no movement on other funds.

Prompted by the independent inspection of accounts, the trustees are considering how we might reduce the number of funds accounted for, including possibly by combining those that are compatible.

The main concerns for the trustees are:-

1. In the eyes of the world we may be over-reliant on the continued support from individuals, including some who support us from a distance. Our confidence is in God's provision through His people and our concern must be to continue to seek out and stay within the will of God, in whom we know we can trust.
2. Traditionally we have been a church that supports world mission and this continues to be the case. However, we also aspire to grow our own local mission and have budgeted a larger deficit in 2022 in faith. We are reliant on God to provide for us as we make ourselves available to work with Him.
3. The significant rising costs of heating and lighting the church buildings plus pressure on expenditure and we must examine ways to keep such cost under control.
4. Finally, we must continue to spend money wisely on buildings maintenance and other general costs.

We continue to look to the Lord to inspire and guide us and provide all we need to be an effective part of His work, to see His Kingdom come and His will be done.

Part 2 AGM Report

Ministers Report Pastor Ebenezer Boayke

Looking Back

2021 was not very different from 2020. For me, these past years with the Covid-19 storm has caused many to rethink life and priorities. This is something we should, in the months and years ahead, continue to wrestle with as a church and as individuals. It's been one of the hardest years of our lives for many of us. There are those still grieving the loss of loved ones, opportunities, freedom, and security; many of us are still recovering from the shock of it and trying to adapt into the new world.

The theme for 2021 was the "God of the impossible" (Ex 14:21), which is about knowing that there is nothing too difficult for our God. We can trust Him to see us through the challenges and difficulties that come our way. By getting our teeth into the theme, our faith was challenged, and lives were transformed. We've seen the supernatural hand of God supplying our needs. Having emerged from dire circumstances of church attendance decline, crisis, threatened closure, or spiritual tedium means that indeed He's the "God of the impossible" and we are moving from despair to hope through the Kingdom of God. We were able to hold our traditional activities, such as deacon and Church meetings as well as our Church Anniversary, Thanksgiving, Operation Agri, Harvest, AGM, etc.

In addition to that, we also organised “Leadership Training” day for the deacons. Our guest speaker was LB Regional Minister Rev Winston Bygrave who spoke on the theme; “How to lead a healthy church through clear vision and good leadership”. The training focused on mentoring the deaconate and enhancing our competencies, giftings, and discipleship with a renewed passion for service to God and people.

There is much to give thanks for and celebrate because, we’ve sailed through the Covid storms and are still standing as a church. This shows that we are overcomers. God has shown us His mercy and grace by giving the Church family the opportunity to be able to keep gathering around His Word to pray and encourage one another on Sundays and weekdays.

Sunday Services

The pandemic affected people in diverse ways including relation to church attendance, yet despite these fluctuations WHBC continuously held church services both on online and in-person. We met every Sunday where worship and praises were sung, prayers were offered, sacraments administered, the scriptures were read, expounded, and applied. A big thank you goes to our musicians, who in spite of limited resources, occasionally led us in live musical worship. A special mention should be made of our PA and Door teams and all those who were involved in the service and

demonstrated a high level of commitment which has sustained our Sunday services. Members of the congregation also led prayers, read Scriptures, led biblical reflections and more. Last year, we also saw some new people worshipping with us on Zoom and in person. This shows that even when we were just gathering online or in person with Covid restrictions, God has given us the opportunity to help people find Jesus.

Bible Studies

Bible studies continued weekly via Zoom. We worked through the “MasterLife” series material which comprises four books. We are almost finished book two (The Disciple's Personality) which we, so far, find very helpful in our spiritual growth and the call to faithful disciples of Christ. The maximum number of participants is eight machines. The effect has been amazing as we have seen people growing in discipleship and the Holy Spirit stirring up and encouraging them to lead some sessions. It is an exciting time as we meet exploring God's word, sharing, and praying together, all in ways that help us best connect our hearts with God's heart and learn that when partnered with Him, we are powerful and have a role in the kingdom. We hope these Bible classes will benefit us and help us find fresh perspectives on scripture and challenge us to make Christ the centre of our lives and put our faith into action in the world today.

Home Groups

God tells us to ‘consider how we may encourage one another towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching’ (Heb 10:24). That means Home Groups is are primary pastoral care network of the Church, and Covid-19 has shown their value more than ever, as it has become the source of which church leaders and members connect and care for each other. Based on this, I have repeatedly mentioned the need for us to establish Home Groups either on Zoom or physical, because not only do home groups provide opportunities for believers to learn from each other as they apply the gospel within the intimacy of relationships, but it also helps to catch up with friends and make new ones. As we share and listen to stories, we learn how others are attempting to intersect the common life and the spiritual life. Therefore, we took a positive step by running “Life Explore”; a gospel-based study material which was hosted by Keith Richardson and Barbara Richardson. We aimed to move a step further by strengthening the group with new study materials. I believe the very thought of hosting non-family members can be intimidating. But as believers gather in homes for spiritual conversation and food, those present can witness hospitality blossoming from theory to practical Christianity.

Cry4Revival

As a church, we believe that nothing of lasting value happens unless it is birthed and sustained by prayer. Hence, we take prayer seriously as it is the breath of the church and the Christian life. We have seen significant improvement in our prayer meetings. We meet weekly alongside bible studies for prayers plus special days of prayer, i.e., fasting and prayers. It is worth noting that our ministry has committed prayer warriors and intercessors, and we deeply appreciate their commitment. As deacons, we value the importance of corporate prayer which lies in the power of united hearts. By Praying before God on behalf of one another and carrying each other's burden, we fulfil the law of Christ. Such prayers have the effect of linking one another spiritually. As deacons, we have set aside once a month fervent prayer meeting. And we have seen a real deep intimacy and communion with God at His throne and are beginning to see a sense of God's direction, vision, and purpose for WHBC.

Looking Forward

Looking to the future, we must all ask for the grace to be attentive to the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit. I am personally asking for the grace to help others to step into leadership roles in the church's life, to take a lead in our Sunday service, and in those areas of life where each of you live and where God is calling you to minister the

Gospel. I want to see people using their gifts and callings to regularly gather with a few who then look for ways to serve God in the church and in their communities.

Jeremiah told the exiles to multiply and not decrease. The young people in our faith community are the ones who will carry faith and hope into the future. They need our nurture and attention. Over the past year I have been reminded of how important it is to provide opportunities for our young people to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith. It's also important to value them each as individuals. Making space for them in our worship life is now a significant priority for me.

Motto Text 2022

Our memory verse is Matthew 6:10 with a theme "Your Kingdom Come". Our expectation this year is to see the Kingdom of God manifesting in the WHBC and in individual lives. I believe that as a church, by continuing reading and studying as much as possible of biblical stories about the Kingdom of God, we gain confidence in Christ that we are standing on solid grounds, gradually becoming a healthy church that exhibits Christian authenticity, and expressing an unwavering faith in God. The Kingdom message would prepare us to influence our communities with the Good News of Lord Jesus Christ and would also offer believers ways of living a discipleship life with passion and purpose. These Kingdom stories and teachings would

renew and give a new sense of mission and identity, and an evangelistic strategy that would result in church growth.

Thank you to those who stepped up to help during the Covid period and thank you to all those who wrote letters and made phone calls to people behind the scenes. As we move ahead in 2022, I cannot predict the future, but what I do know is that things are not just spinning but God is still in control. What I do know is that we need to just take it one step at a time. What I do know is that as years pass, God's people are going to need to step up and serve. We are a community of people who follow Jesus, cultivating our faith in God, planting seeds of the gospel, loving and serving our community. So let this be your calling; the church needs you. I look forward to journeying with you in 2022 and seeing where God leads us and believing God for positive things in our Church and in our community.

Secretary's Report Barbara Richardson

Once again as for last year we have experienced a challenging year due to the ongoing Covid pandemic with meetings on Zoom and in the church building. As with the last year we have slightly delayed the date for the AGM following the indication that two of our existing deacons (Carolyn Greenaway and Paul Burt) have decided not to stand for re-election. Also, Carolyn Kindberg who was on the Diaconate also decided to stand down due to other mounting work commitments. Postponing the AGM for an additional week, thus enables the due process for nominations of any replacement or new deacons to be considered carefully and prayerfully by church members in accordance with the timetable laid out in the church constitution. I take this opportunity to thank Carolyn Greenaway and Paul Burt for their longstanding dedicated commitment as Deacons over many years and for Carolyn Kindberg for her service on the Diaconate, albeit for a limited time.

Our former member and long serving missionary Hazel March went to be the Lord in her home in August further reference which is made in the World Missions Report.

During the year, several longstanding members have moved away from Winchmore Hill and sadly are no longer able to worship with us. These were Andrew and Rachel Forster with Miriam, and Tim and Caroline Gillard. We are grateful that Caroline still helps with Girls Association work, especially as this requires a considerable journey from their new home in Lincolnshire. We take this opportunity to once again express condolences to Carolyn and the whole Gillard family on the passing of Caroline's dad, David Button, who was a church member and worshipped with us for a number of years. During the year Millicent Cameron transferred her membership to Salim Baptist Church in Runaway Bay, St Annes, Jamaica and we were also pleased to see some church members who have moved away but have not formally transferred membership to another

church. Church membership currently stands at 47, with approximately 30 people in regular attendance either on zoom or in the church building.

We thank Derek and Serena in producing Spotlight throughout the year which is now distributed by email. We congratulate Derek and Serena on the birth of their daughter and were pleased to celebrate the dedication of Laila, on Sunday 22nd August.

During the year we were grateful to have several guest speakers, some of whom have come on a fairly regular basis. These include Keith Bentley, Innocent Udokporo and Winston Bygrave the London Regional Baptists Minister. We are grateful for all their input.

We are also grateful for the preaching ministry of Benne and her participation in WOW team, for all of which we are grateful to their contribution of worship. It has been a great blessing to be able to worship together in the church.

There are many other individuals to whom we are grateful for their contribution to church life, including church cleaning, building maintenance, room lettings, sound desk etc.

We give thanks to the Lord for all He is doing in our midst and for His ongoing work in the church, surrounding areas and around the world.

10th Enfield Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Company – Chris Norman

Well, it's been another year full of challenges as we have continued to navigate our way through the pandemic, although we have been able to do so much more than the previous year. What has been fantastic is that we have continued to see growth with nearly 50 children and young people engaging in our weekly activities across all age groups.

Whilst we have had to go online for some of our sessions earlier on in the year, we have mostly been back face to face over the last 12 months. Even with our virtual sessions we continued to see a good number of our members joining us online each week.

In the Summer months all age groups were able to get out and about and enjoy a range of offsite activities at the park, kayaking, raft building, playing foot golf and a whole lot more. After missing our annual Summer Camp in 2020 we were able to return to Norfolk with 7 of our boys as well as some young people from 3rd Enfield Company for our weeklong camp. The boys enjoyed a wide range of activities on camp including canoeing on the Norfolk Broads, Surfing in the Sea, a visit to Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park and a whole lot more.

In October we held our Enrolment Service which saw nearly 30 children and young people in Church along with a good number of parents. The young people were presented with their membership cards for the year and enrolled into the Company. At the service we also presented our Annual Awards recognizing the achievements of all the children and young people from over the last 12 months.

In early November a small group of our Seniors took a trip up to Alton Towers for their Firework Extravaganza, and as well as enjoying a day in the park and an amazing fireworks display, the

group took to the Peak District to climb Thorpe Cloud and enjoy the surroundings of Dove Dale.

Our Christmas Trailer Collection got us out in the community in the run up to Christmas with our Company and Senior members helping to raise money for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice as well as Company funds.

Our Fundraising at this current time is focused around raising sufficient funds to replace our minibus, which we no longer have due to the extension to the LEZ and ULEZ which came into force during the year. We are now embarked on a mission to raise what will be £000's over the coming months to enable us to be able to replace the minibus as soon as possible.

Recently 9 Company/Senior members joined members from across Enfield on a Weekend Away at Felden Lodge. A great weekend was had by all, with a range of activities including archery, Top Golf, swimming, bonfire and quiz to mention just some of the activities. Our young people have also enjoyed events run by Enfield Battalion including a visit to Whipsnade Safari Park, a Superhero Themed Afternoon, Quiz & Pizza Night, Church Parade & Explore Event and Badminton Competition.

Of course, our weekly programmes and residentials include opportunities for us to share the good news and get into the Bible, reaching out to children and young people who otherwise wouldn't come across the doorstep of the Church. We have continued to do this throughout the last 12 months and hope that through their journey with us, as leaders through the relationships we build and programme we offer that we may be able to plant the seed, that will one day bear fruit (Mark 4).

The Anchors age group meets on a Tuesday evening and continues to run a programme including games, crafts, devotions and other interests. The Anchors age group is led by Philip Norman and Tina

Stanley, with Chris Norman supporting them. There are currently 11 boys and girls in Anchors.

The remainder of the girls age groups (Juniors and Company) also meet on Tuesday evening, led by Jackie Norman and supported by Kevin Norman. There are currently 11 girls in this age group. On this note we would like to say a big thank you to Tim and Caroline Gillard for their continued support even after moving up to Lincolnshire in March 2021. Tim and Caroline have supported a number of events with the young people since moving as well as hosting our recent fundraising quiz, which helped raise a fantastic £550 for our minibus fund.

The boys Juniors age group meets on Thursday evening and the programme includes games, crafts, devotions and other interests. The Juniors age group is run by Chris Norman and Oliver Richardson assisted by Philip Norman and David Hann, there are currently 13 boys in this age group.

There are currently 12 boys in the Company Section and Seniors age groups meet on a Thursday evening and their programme includes games, crafts, devotions and other interests. This age group is led by David Hann and Chris Norman with Andrew Blunn, Philip Norman and Oliver Richardson assisting.

As well as all those leaders mentioned above, we also want to say a big thank you to Robin Baker, our Treasurer who behind the scenes support us in managing our finances. We are really grateful to Robin for all his hard work and support.

Our Vision is that Children and Young People experience **'life to the full'** through coming to know Jesus for themselves (John 10:10). All that we do as a group is focused on this, having faith in young people, providing them with opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian Faith.

We would like to put out a special request for those that might be willing to offer some time to help with a specific activity. This could be leading a devotional time, or sharing a skill or hobby with the boys/girls.

Finally, we would like to say a special word of thanks to all those that support the young people and leaders throughout the year. We thank you for your time, thoughts and prayer in all that we do.

You can stay up to date with all that we are doing by following us on Twitter (@10enfieldbb) or facebook (facebook.com/10enfieldbb).

You can also visit our website at <http://10enfield.boys-brigade.org.uk>

Churches Together in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill, and Grange Park (CTPGWH+GP) – Report for 2021 Carin Blunn

The local Churches Together group in Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Grange Park provides opportunities for the different churches to worship, work, have fellowship and witness together.

The Churches Together Forum for the clergy and representatives was not able to formally meet during the various lockdowns but we kept in touch informally by email. Since then, it has been a slow start, probably due to people being busy in their own churches and we've had one meeting in September.

Although many of our activities were not able to take place as usual, we were still able to do some things. The year started, as usual, with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which begins with the Feast of St Peter on the 18th January and concludes on the 25th January with the Feast of St Paul. Each year churches from different countries around the world take turns to produce material around a theme relating to their situation to be used during the Week of Prayer. In 2021 the material was provided by the sisters of the Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland entitled "Abide in my love" which seemed aptly appropriate for living through the pandemic. We were not able to meet for prayer in each other's buildings as we usually do but we were able to do so via Zoom.

The Homeless Winter Night Shelter, which usually runs from January to Easter, was not able to function in the usual way where up to twelve homeless people were offered a hot meal, a bed for the night and breakfast the following morning in one of the churches in the group. Instead, the organisation overseeing the Night Shelters in Harringay and Enfield, rented a house which could provide accommodation for six people in a Covid secure environment.

Due to lockdown, we were unable hold our usual Lent course or the March of Witness on Good Friday.

The Churches Together Prayer Meeting has continued to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to pray for the different churches and the needs of our area but like most meetings, at the moment, we meet on Zoom.

The position of chairperson is usually an annual appointment which rotates between the ministers of the different churches. As none of the clergy felt able to take on this responsibility at the present time, I volunteered for this position and was accepted at the September meeting.

Winchmore Hill Community Care Annual Report Inez Collins

As you may be aware, we are one of the Seven Sponsoring/ Donating churches in this area. The others namely are:

- ST Peters Church
- ST Pauls Church
- Holy Trinity
- United Reform
- Methodist Grange Park Church
- Friends

The scheme does not discriminate on racial or religious grounds. All are welcome.

The scheme is recognised as the 'good neighbourhood support scheme '. At present it has twelve volunteers supporting thirty-two clients that are housebound elderly, lonely, and needing help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, posting letters and also, support via telephone conversations.

Since the lockdown due to Covid, and the lifting of lockdown, the administrator has seized the opportunity to resume usual services.

Our last meeting held at United Reform church 3rd March 2022, was very promising due to the fact that we were able to meet for the second time face to face. Our administrator reported that she will be returning to the office sometime this month.

Overall, we are grateful to our administrator for her hard work in maintaining services during the last eighteen months with very little support.

Flowers Sonia Gumbs

Over the last two years, we have been unable to arrange and distribute fresh flowers weekly.

We are grateful to Binnie for arranging the seasonal floral displays on the platform during lockdown.

I am hopeful that we will be able to resume providing fresh flowers as soon as it is safe to do so.

Maintenance Report Phil Norman

As ever, the Maintenance Committee (Philip Norman, John Burridge) and many others who contribute to repairs and upkeep of our buildings, have been busy over the last year.

We have continued to deal with the extra challenge of COVID-19, which has meant maintaining cleaning stations & sanitiser stations around the building.

During the year we noticed that birds had made a home in the roof of the main sanctuary.

Upon investigation we found that the exterior door vent had rotten away & fallen down which allowed the birds access to the roof spaces, we took the various measurements & Keith made a new door & parts of the frame to replace the old. We got together on a working day to erect a long ladder onto the organ loft roof & John & Keith went up & replaced the frame & door, also rehousing the birds nesting inside the roof.

Whilst up on the roof John also repaired part of the felt roofing to the organ loft area as it leaks for time to time. Thank you also to Richard, Chris, Eben, Barb & Jackie for helping on the workday taking on various tasks.

At the end of last year we had the issue with Carey Hall floor again where random parts of the floor lifted up due to dampness. We have had the effected areas sanded & refixed down, so the floor is safe to use. We are awaiting final recommendations as to which floor sealer to use, due to the fact we get the dampness in the floor.

Finally, thank-you to those who have made special donations to the Building fund over the last year. As a church we have agreed to spend money on our electrical systems. We are starting to identify parts of works which need to be carried out, we also need to continue to raise funds for these works. If you can help us financially, please speak to the Treasurer, if giving a specific

donation please state which project you would like to support or just state building fund and know that we are grateful for the funds that enable us to keep our buildings in good shape.

As usual, it is not possible to name everyone who has contributed to the maintenance and upkeep work – there are far too many – but, if you helped in whatever way, please know that you have our sincere thanks.... and of course, the work doesn't end! If you are able to help in any way, whether it be decorating, DIY or cleaning, please let us know as we often have days down at the church to complete maintenance jobs and would be more than happy for any assistance you can give – please don't be reluctant to come forward. We have plenty of jobs that can be undertaken by individuals of all levels of skill and competence!

Thank you for your continued support & prayers.

Philip Norman, John Burridge (WHBC Maintenance Committee).

Prayer Chain Jenny Lane

Philippians 4:6 exhorts us not to be anxious about anything, but to bring everything to God in prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, and this is what the members of the Prayer Chain have sought to do throughout this year, with the many requests which we have received.

It has been a privilege to share prayers for and with those in need, and a joy to receive answers to our prayers by God's grace, love and mercy and to know His hand of love on our lives and on the lives of those for whom we pray.

The Prayer Chain has had a busy year with many requests, and we praise God for His many answers to prayer in His great love and mercy. Sadly, the number of members in the Prayer Chain has diminished considerably recently, for various reasons and we would be delighted if others felt called to join forces with us in this invaluable ministry. If so, please contact either Jenny Lane or Coral Burridge. Thank you. As Paul states in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 'Rejoice always....pray continuously....Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in

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Summary of Fund Balances, 2021

	a	b	c	d=b+c	e	f	g=a+d+e+f
	B/Fwd	Receipts			Payments	Fund Transfers	C/Fwd
	01-Jan-21	Various	Reclaimed Tax	Total	Total	Total	31-Dec-21
Bldg Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Fund	245.65	2,906.35	137.50	3,043.85	(1,047.05)	4,000.00	6,242.45
Capital Accounts	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00
Denning Trust	468.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	468.37
Fellowship Fund	2,958.81	113.00	0.00	113.00	0.00	0.00	3,071.81
General Fund	76,906.35	60,599.44	10,681.08	71,280.52	(70,415.31)	(4,000.00)	73,771.56
Operation Agri	0.00	975.00	263.78	1,238.78	0.00	0.00	1,238.78
LBA Home Mission	55.00	50.00	12.50	62.50	0.00	0.00	117.50
Legacies	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Youth Fund	633.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	633.96
	82,398.14	64,643.79	11,094.86	75,738.65	(71,462.36)	0.00	86,674.43

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Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2021

General Fund (unrestricted)				
	Note	2021	2020	
Receipts:				
Loose Offering		3,203.48	1,782.54	
Regular Offering		40,859.00	38,322.10	
Special Donations		2,007.50	5,089.70	
Trusts		339.00	1,312.50	
Premises		10,600.00	7,696.00	
Thank Offering		3,537.50	3,660.39	
Reclaimed Tax		10,681.08	11,111.74	
Interest	3	52.96	133.62	
Miscellaneous Income		0.00	0.00	
		<u>71,280.52</u>	<u>69,108.59</u>	
Payments:				
Ministry	4	37,349.77	35,431.53	
Mission	5	17,761.99	21,092.22	
Premises	6	13,714.10	14,104.95	
Organisation	7	1,589.45	1,020.94	
		<u>70,415.31</u>	<u>71,649.64</u>	
Fund Transfers				
Buildings Fund		4,000.00	6,500.00	
		<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>	
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(3,134.79)	(9,041.05)	
Balance brought forward		<u>76,906.35</u>	<u>85,947.40</u>	
Balance carried forward		<u>73,771.56</u>	<u>76,906.35</u>	
Youth Fund (restricted)				
	Note	2021	2020	
Receipts:				
Donations		0.00	30.00	
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	
Payments:				
Expense		0.00	30.00	
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00	
Balance brought forward		<u>633.96</u>	<u>633.96</u>	
Balance carried forward	8	<u>633.96</u>	<u>633.96</u>	

Fellowship Fund (restricted)

	Note	2021	2020
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	10.00
Trusts		113.00	437.50
Reclaimed Tax		0.00	12.50
		<u>113.00</u>	<u>460.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	24.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>24.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		113.00	436.00
Balance brought forward		<u>2,958.81</u>	<u>2,522.81</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>3,071.81</u>	<u>2,958.81</u>

Denning Trust (restricted)

	Note	2021	2020
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>468.37</u>	<u>468.37</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>468.37</u>	<u>468.37</u>

Building Fund (designated)

	Note	2021	2020
Receipts:			
Special Donations		2,906.35	550.00
Fund Transfers			
General Fund		4,000.00	6,500.00
Reclaimed Tax		137.50	2,302.50
		<u>7,043.85</u>	<u>9,352.50</u>
Payments:			
Church	9	969.05	19,502.17
Manse		78.00	included
		<u>1,047.05</u>	<u>19,502.17</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		5,996.80	(10,149.67)
Balance brought forward		<u>245.65</u>	<u>10,395.32</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>6,242.45</u>	<u>245.65</u>

Operation Agri (restricted)

	Note	2021	2020
Receipts:			
Special Donations		975.00	2,305.15
Reclaimed Tax		263.78	156.42
		<u>1,238.78</u>	<u>2,461.57</u>
Payments:			
Disbursements		0.00	2,461.57
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,461.57</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		1,238.78	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>1,238.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>

LBA Home Mission (restricted)

	Note	2021	2020
Receipts:			
Special Donations		50.00	55.00
Reclaimed Tax		12.50	30.00
		<u>62.50</u>	<u>85.00</u>
Payments:			
Disbursements		0.00	150.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		62.50	(65.00)
Balance brought forward		<u>55.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>117.50</u>	<u>55.00</u>

Special Collections Account (not used - now shown as separate funds)**Legacies (unrestricted)**

	Note	2021	2020
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Fund Transfers		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance carried forward	11	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

Capital Accounts

	Note	2021	2020
Receipts:			
Special Donations		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Payments:			
Expense		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00
Balance brought forward		<u>130.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>
Balance carried forward	12	<u>130.00</u>	<u>130.00</u>

Statement of Current Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2021

Assets:	Note	2021	2020
Cash at Bank			
CAFBank Cash Account		2,276.13	2,058.49
CAFBank Gold account		6,805.87	37,370.87
HSBC Community Account		44,018.41	9,445.61
Investments			
London Baptist Property Board Deposit Account		33,574.02	33,523.17
Sub-total		86,674.43	82,398.14
Debtors	13	10,854.00	11,063.57
Creditors	14	(1,356.28)	0.00
		<u>96,172.15</u>	<u>93,461.71</u>
Non-monetary assets held for the Church's own use	15	3,454,532	3,433,884

Long Term Liabilities:

There is a Plan deficit in the pension scheme that the church participates in. On 20 January 2022 the deficit was £18,800. The church makes planned monthly payments to reduce this deficit, with the expectation it will be zero by 30 June 2026. There are no other long term liabilities.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounts:

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2. Previous years details:

Details for the previous year have been included for comparison and do not form part of the accounts.

3. Interest/Investment income:

	2021	2020
Interest received:		
Bank	2.11	37.84
HMRC	0.00	1.06
LBPB Deposit Account	50.85	94.72
	<u>52.96</u>	<u>133.62</u>

4. Ministry:

	2021	2020
Pastor		
Stipend ex General Income	24,479.76	26,287.50
Stipend ex CPJ Trust	339.00	1,312.50
Pension	6,801.72	3,384.84
Employer's NI	0.00	0.00
Manse Fuel	347.23	329.28
Allowances	74.99	0.00
Training & Conferences	120.00	215.00
Relocation Expenses	0.00	0.00
	<u>32,162.70</u>	<u>31,529.12</u>

Moderator

Ex Gratia Payment	0.00	0.00
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Other

Pulpit Supplies	210.00	180.75
Pension Deficiency	4,303.32	3,171.66
Youth	673.75	550.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
	<u>5,187.07</u>	<u>3,902.41</u>
	<u>37,349.77</u>	<u>35,431.53</u>

5. Mission:

	2021	2020
World Mission		
BMS World Mission	1,600.02	2,609.95
Home Mission	1,599.99	2,090.01
OMF International (UK)	12,499.98	14,000.01
	<u>15,699.99</u>	<u>18,699.97</u>
Pathway	£750.00	£900.00
Outreach	£0.00	£0.00
Donations & Subscriptions	1,312.00	1,492.25
	<u>17,761.99</u>	<u>21,092.22</u>

6. Premises (Upkeep of) :

	2021	2020
Furniture & Equipment	111.91	870.12
Church Gas, Electricity & Water,	4,682.22	4,496.48
Church Cleaning & Refuse	1,801.16	1,391.16
Insurance, Church & Manse	4,172.95	4,129.64
Manse Council Tax & Water	2,945.86	3,217.55
Manse Fuel (Interregnum)	0.00	0.00
	<u>13,714.10</u>	<u>14,104.95</u>

7. Organisation:

	2021	2020
Administration	541.85	186.30
Advertising & Publicity	36.03	0.00
Fellowship Activities	21.99	177.09
Software & Licences	415.29	134.72
Magazine	0.00	118.80
Telecoms	574.29	404.03
	<u>1,589.45</u>	<u>1,020.94</u>

8. Youth Fund Balance

The balance reflects the amount remaining from a grant provided by the Jack Petchey Foundation. The grant was made as a contribution to the Church's youth work and its use is restricted to the purchase of equipment or payment towards the direct costs of the youth work.

9. Building Fund Payments

There is the potential for a conflict of interest relating to payments to K & G N (t/a W J Norman and Son). The trustees have adopted procedures to ensure this does not occur. There were no such payments in 2021.

10. Special Collections Gift Aid & GASDS: (Allocated direct to each fund.)

11. Legacies:

There are no restrictions and the funds remain available for the Church to use at its discretion.

12. Capital Accounts

The funds are maintained to commemorate some significant generosity in the Church's history.

Mrs Silsby was a generous benefactor and left a legacy for the benefit of the Church and its wider ministry.

Mr F J Dupée and his wife were very active in the Church in the 1940s and occupied several leadership roles. He left a legacy to benefit the Fellowship Fund and also an annual presentation to Senior Sunday School members.

The War Memorial Bibles Fund was established shortly after the First World War and for many years funded the presentation of bibles to deserving members of the Sunday School.

Any income from these accounts is allocated to the General Fund.

13. Debtors

	2021	2020
Gift Aid	10,068.00	10,918.59
GASDS	786.00	144.98
	<u>10,854.00</u>	<u>11,063.57</u>

14. Creditors

	2021	2020
Operation Agri	1,238.78	0.00
BMS Home Mission	117.50	0.00
	<u>1,356.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>

15. Non-Monetary Assets held for the Church's own use:

	2021	2020
The Church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee the London Baptist Property Board Ltd:		
Church Premises at an insured value of:	3,028,973	3,025,966
Church Manse at an insured value of:	342,650	325,091
 The Church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of:	 <u>82,909</u>	 <u>82,827</u>
	<u>3,454,532</u>	<u>3,433,884</u>

Note: The insured values of both premises are likely to be significantly less than the current market values.

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 4 relating to the year ending 31st December 2021 are as approved by the deacons.

Signed:

Treasurer

Date:

Report to the trustees of Winchmore Hill Baptist Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



Geoffrey S. Hill FCA

1st March 2021

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