



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2023		31	12	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Wokingham Baptist Church
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1134862
Charity's principal address	Milton Road
	Wokingham
	Berkshire
Postcode	RG40 1DE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Nick Hudson	Minister		
2	Sharon Baynham	Treasurer	From 29 January 2023	
3	Stuart Green	Secretary		
4	Prudence Mwanza			
5	Tim Jinkerson			
6	Victor Freeney			
7	Sue Chapman		From 29 January 2023	
8	Pat Meadowcraft		From 28 January 2024	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Property Trustees: The Baptist Union Corporation Limited Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire. OX11 8RT	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 17 March 2009
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the church membership

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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 order to achieve the principal objective, which is set out above, the church provides a variety of activities both to its membership and the community generally.

A major part of the work and witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services take place each Sunday at 10.30am and some evenings. Details are provided on the church website at www.wokinghambaptist.gov.uk. There is a full children's programme during the morning.

The church runs several small groups, which mainly meet in members' houses, and which aim to encourage the growth of faith and discipleship.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

4321 is a drop-in parent and toddler group for children aged 4 and below and below takes place on Tuesday mornings, 10am until 11.30 during term time. Activities include a craft table, painting, story time, as well as a large play area (taking over the whole church!) and a quiet room for babies.

An everchanging set of activities for young people also takes place. The church website gives up to date information.

The church runs a welcome group for people from Hong Kong who have moved to the area. This explains the fundamentals of living in the UK and helps attendees to meet other people from Hong Kong and to assimilate to living in the UK.

The Church runs a group called Celebrate Recovery, helping people to overcome their 'hurts, habits and hang-ups'. Details are on the website.

The church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to the Criminal Records Bureau.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are satisfied that the activities above clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

Section D Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year	<p>The church does not measure the success of its activities only in numbers, including financial numbers, although income and attendance have both grown year-on-year.</p> <p>It focusses on less tangible areas such as fellowship and community. In that context the trustees believe that 2023 was a positive year.</p>

Section E Financial review	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>The church had an overall surplus of receipts over payments in the year of £27,561.</p> <p>The amount of grants and gifts made to outside causes was monitored during the year to ensure amounts were not made in excess of the resources available. A total of £45,193 was made in gifts and grants to outside charitable causes during the year.</p> <p>The trustees have made an assessment of the major risks facing the church, and are satisfied that there are policies in place to minimise these risks.</p>
Details of any funds materially in deficit	<p>No funds were in deficit during the year or at the year end.</p>

Section G Declaration	
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.	
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees	
Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Stuart Green
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Secretary
Date	10 th October 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Wokingham Baptist Church

1134863

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1-Jan-23

To

31-Dec-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources	205,014	23,145	-	228,159	229,380
Income from activities for generating funds	10,799	-	-	10,799	6,957
Investment income	294	-	-	294	12
Small Employers Allowance	4,901	-	-	4,901	4,337
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	221,008	23,145	-	244,153	240,686
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	221,008	23,145	-	244,153	240,686
A3 Payments					
Grants and donations payable	28,869	16,324	-	45,193	34,848
Costs of activities for charitable objectives	99,254	151	-	99,405	103,945
Support costs	57,493	800	-	58,293	83,884
Loan capital repayments	12,671	-	-	12,671	15,210
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	198,287	17,275	-	215,562	237,887
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Asset purchases	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,992
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,992
Total payments	199,317	17,275	-	216,592	239,879
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,691	5,870	-	27,561	807
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,728	38,599	-	84,327	83,520
Cash funds this year end	67,419	44,469	-	111,888	84,327

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Banks	67,419	44,469	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	67,419	44,469	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	19,128	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church building and contents - insured value	Restricted	4,467,410	-
	Manse - cost	Restricted	505,427	-
	Sound and media system - cost less depreciaton	Unrestricted	902	-
	Office equipment - cost less depreciation	Unrestricted	1,458	-
	Kitchen - cost less depreciation	Unrestricted	7,203	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Mortgage on Manse	Restricted	106,028	
	Creditors	Restricted	7,837	
	Creditors	Unrestricted	31,740	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Wokingham Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1134862

Set out on pages

attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Geoffrey Hulme

Date:

3rd October 2024

Name:

Geoffrey Hulme

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACMA

Address:

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