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## Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

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

### Reference and administrative details

Registered Charity Number – 1135765

Principal address c/o 6-8 Amherst Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 1NU

### Trustees

Rev. Alina Rai (Minister)  
Mr Deepak Sunawar-Rai (Deacon) – re-elected 20 March 22  
Rev. Judith Wheatley (Minister and Chair)  
Mrs Maggi Taylor (Deacon)  
Mr Tirtha Rai (Deacon) – deceased February 22  
Mrs Angela Lawrence (Deacon)  
Mrs Pat Dyer (Deacon)  
Mrs Luna Rai Pun (Deacon)  
Mr Emmanuel Essah – elected 20 March 22  
Mr Pasang Tamang – elected 20 March 22

### Independent Examiner

Philip John Nixon  
28 Luckley Wood  
Wokingham  
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### Charity Governance

Members of the Church are accepted in line with the Church Constitution (March 2009). Church meetings occur 6 times per year. In line with the Constitution the members appoint Trustees who together with the Ministers are responsible for the all financial, legal aspects and the day to day running of the church.

### 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 also supports missionary efforts in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Our principal activities are described in the Secretary's report below. The church has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and is satisfied that its activities clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

## Treasurer's report for the March 2022 AGM

(This post was vacant at the time of the AGM, with Ms Luna Rai being elected at the meeting.)

Judith gave thanks to God that, although a deficit was expected, Anderson ended the year with a surplus of funds. The current year would continue to bring challenges but Trust in God.

Pat Dyer reported that there are monthly reviews of our finances in order that Deacons can be kept informed of any reduction in funds, so that Anderson could either look to increasing giving from the fellowship or reduce its spending.

We pray for continued careful investment with a Christian focus.

## Secretary's report for the March 2022 AGM

Currently the position of Secretary is vacant. Therefore, this report is written jointly by the Ministers.

### AGM Report 2021-22

We have much to be grateful in the life of our church family. Although there have been continual challenges of meeting in person, online or in a hybrid fashion we have found way to connect and encourage one another in faith.

We have been pleased to see a return to meeting in person on Sundays for worship and Thursdays for prayer and Bible study and with both these we have managed to maintain a zoom connection for those not ready to return to in person meetings.

We have maintained an online presence with zoom meetings on Wednesdays for Nepali prayer and worship and facebook live reflections on Sundays.

Our church business meetings have returned to in person meetings, whilst our deacons meetings have remained on zoom. These have been supplemented with meals and opportunities for fellowship.

We have continued to provide a newsletter via email and visits but have reduced its regularity to monthly. It is much appreciated by those who receive it, and particularly by those who are unable to get to Anderson regularly.

The change in church life has given us opportunity to experiment and reflect on the way we worship together, on the importance of fellowship and on the challenge of being bi-lingual and intercultural. Alina introduced a questionnaire on worship and fellowship which helped us reflect and then focus on our priorities of being inclusive and intercultural going forward, despite the challenge of it all.

During the year we have begun English classes on Fridays for those wanting to improve the English and this has been well received. We look forward to developing this with the support of 2:19 a local charity that aims to use language learning as a tool for mission.

We have also begun a regular sports evening on Wednesdays to give opportunity for fun and fellowship. Our thanks to Deepak Rai and Pasang Tamang for overseeing this.

The Scouting activities have been more challenging with the effects of Covid reducing the group – so that the Scouts closed but the Cubs and Beavers have continued. These groups offer a reach into the community that otherwise we would not manage. This is dependent on a lively and willing volunteer base. We continue to prayerfully consider the future of these groups at Anderson.

Toddlers have re started this year and they maintain a good number of children and parents at their weekly meetings which are supported by church members, Wilma Alleyne and Diane Lewis. We are thankful for their loving service.

We have been served by a faithful deaconate and are thankful for the way they alongside our ministers they have worked so hard to keep the church lively, loving and outward focussed.

Mick Court and Phil Wheatley have continued to keep a regular eye on our buildings and have provided a lot of practical support. In this coming year we are looking to improve the condition of the roof which will offer a long-term future for the next generation.

There have been a number of highlights this year

- Christmas Celebrations where we experimented with a different format of a more informal gathering around food, with carols ,reading and opportunity to sing in the street
- The baptism of Kenneth Essah, one of our much loved teenagers
- Receiving Priya Limbu, Dhanu Rai and Pasang Tamang into membership
- 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations giving good opportunity to invite friends into the celebrations. We particularly enjoyed the support of Resonance Band in our worship.
- 'Raise the Roof' initiative has led to significant steps in getting the funding our necessary building work to make the building safe for future generations.
- Supporting the work of the S.C.B. Association by releasing Judith to serve as Interim Moderator for a year.

The greatest sadness has been the death of Tirtha Rai, one of our deacons. He has been a most lively and loving member of Anderson and someone who gave himself wholeheartedly to serving God. As we mourn the loss of Tirtha we seek to give ourselves as he did – that the love of Christ might be made known to all who meet us.

We have used Psalm 34 in the last few weeks to remind ourselves of God's love and faithfulness

"I will extol the Lord at all times

His praise will always be on my lips  
My soul will boast in the Lord  
Let the afflicted hear and rejoice  
Glorify the Lord with me  
Let us exalt his name together  
I sought the Lord and he answered me  
He delivered me from all my fears  
Those who look to him are radiant  
Their faces are never covered with shame."

As we give thanks for Tirtha's life and as we give thanks for God's faithfulness to us we will pray for one another - we will praise God together and we will wait to see the radiance of God shine in us and through us.

Judith Wheatley and Alina Rai  
14/3/22



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Anderson Baptist Church

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2021

To

Period end date  
31/12/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations from individuals	61,462	4,670	-	66,132	54,324
Donations from organisations	75	-	-	75	300
Gift aid refunds	6,483	-	-	6,483	13,384
Other income	3,703	73	-	3,776	1,324
Home Mission Grant	12,250	-	-	12,250	12,000
Bank interest	4	-	-	4	32
Rent	-	-	-	-	8,550
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>83,977</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,720</b>	<b>89,914</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>83,977</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88,720</b>	<b>89,914</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Staff costs	50,885	-	-	50,885	56,159
Professional fees	1,295	-	-	1,295	1,443
Other staff costs	7,565	-	-	7,565	4,467
Fixed running costs	7,598	-	-	7,598	6,432
Variable run costs - buildings/ admin	3,447	-	-	3,447	2,506
Variable running costs - pastoral	3,025	560	-	3,585	2,351
Outward giving - Baptist charities	5,200	-	-	5,200	4,800
Outward giving - other charities	2,501	1,571	-	4,072	1,269
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>81,516</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,647</b>	<b>79,427</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>81,516</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,647</b>	<b>79,427</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,461</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,073</b>	<b>10,487</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>69,264</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,841</b>	<b>69,354</b>
	<b>71,390</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,914</b>	<b>69,841</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash		269	-
	Church General Bank Accounts	30,101	1,498	-
	Church Savings Bank Accounts	41,259	1,787	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>71,360</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

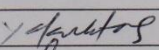
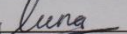
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift aid receivable	2,010	200	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Insurance value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Church and Hall buildings		-	1,023,942
	Stores		-	23,430
	Church and Hall contents		-	56,922
	189 Church Road		-	262,711
	10 Amhurst Road		-	173,175
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Collection for MSF	Restricted	839	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PASANG TAMANG	20-01-22
	LUNA RAI	20-01-22



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Anderson Baptist Church

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2021

Charity number  
1135765

**Set out on pages**

attached

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

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

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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:**

*Philip J Nixon*

**Date:**

22 October 2022

**Name:**

Philip John Nixon

**Relevant professional  
qualification:**

FCA

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