

Ministers' Report for the year 2024

I think that we can all agree that the year 2024 seemed to pass very quickly. Whether it was because we didn't have a nice long Spring, or a long dry sunny summer before the first lot of snow came in November. You will remember that it lasted just one day.

As you will read in the reports, we all engaged in our usual activities and special events, including our regular coffee mornings at which we raise fund for mainly Baptist organisations. And as you will see from the information given to us from our Treasurer, the amounts raised are substantial. But how many of us look beyond the name of the organisations and the amount raised and know what they do with the money?

As most of you know, Pudsey Baptist has always supported, 'Baptist Home Mission' (it used to be called Baptist Sustentation Fund) and Baptist World Mission' (it used to be called Baptist Missionary Society), and whereas the Baptist Union asks each church congregation to contribute a per capita subscription to both funds, we at Pudsey raise above the amount requested through our coffee morning with Cake sales and personal donations. Thereby helping those who administer the Home Mission Fund to help churches who can't afford a minister to have ministerial oversight, and/or help churches who have limited funds to hold outreach activities in their local communities. Plus helping to fund our Association and Union staff. Similarly, the monies we raise for BWM are used to train our missionaries who take the gospel to countries all over the world. To date there are over 300 missionaries in God's service. Many of our missionaries have everyday jobs in secular situations where their work and actions witness to Jesus, some are ministers, and teachers in Bible colleges, most are in the caring professions—doctors, nurses, first responders, health educators and the like. Some of us help to support the 'Medic's through the BMS Birthday Scheme.

Then there is Operation Agri (it used to be part of Baptist Men's Movement alongside Tools with a Mission) who are a different breed of missionaries as they are mainly agriculturist who teach women, men and young people how to tend the land and build irrigation systems so that they can grow crops and fruit to sustain their families and sell surplus to provide education for children. And, they teach animal husbandry too so that whole communities can share in the produce. And, they teach building skills, and other life skills to help families to become self-sufficient. Operation Agri isn't an organisation that gives handouts—it gives a hand up to those they serve as they tell all people about Jesus.

Spurgeon's Youth and Child Care is based in the UK and this organization's primary task is to care for children and young people who find themselves in homeless situations, be it temporary because of a family upset, or longer term because of physical harm or abuse. They work alongside local social services and police but stay in contact with the youngsters longer to ensure that they are cared for and receive opportunities to live loved and valued lives, be it with foster carers or in assisted living accommodation.

We support two local organisations too: REACH Project and Zephaniah Trust. Within the AGM handbook is Revd. Ernie Whalley's report on the REACH project and I was very pleased to be able to attend one of the baptismal services last year. Though John Froud has been a visitor to lead worship for us over the years and to play at our BBQ, Zephaniah Trust (which he founded 31 years ago) is a team of enthusiastic Christians that takes the gospel of Jesus into schools (mainly primary but some senior schools) in and around West Yorkshire. They lead Christian assemblies; teach RE, hold holiday clubs, and tell Bible stories that captivate the imagination of the youngest of listeners. John is also a singer/songwriter in his own right and together with his daughter, Cath they record their music and give concerts.

So, whilst our biggest celebration in 2024 was the baptism of Gareth, Rani and Krissy in our flat-pack baptistry that took an age to fill, we can celebrate the fact that each one of us has helped to provide the wherewithal for the gospel of Jesus Christ our Saviour to be made known in our town and beyond. So, thank you for your support of me and of the organisations mentioned here. Blessings,

PUDSEY BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNTS 2024

RECEIPTS

	2024	2023
Cash offerings	2,451.81	2,970.52
Covenants	5,340.00	4,850.00
Gift Day	1,428.16	1,913.55
Messenger	151.00	112.00
For other funds (note1)	4,737.08	4,628.77
Donations	347.74	270.00
Social events	2,007.35	1,733.89
Gift aid rebate	2,510.12	0.00
Fair Trade	425.00	495.00
Flowers	495.00	558.00
Sundries (note 4)	1,850.68	3,577.00
	21,743.94	21,108.73
Balance in hand 31.12.23	228.06	310.36
Balance in Current Acct 31.12.23	12,250.92	3,563.78
Transfers from Reserve Acct	0.00	3,736.03
Transfers from Investments	24,000.00	34,000.00
Transfer from Current Acct.	0.00	0.00
	58,222.92	62,718.90
Less cheques UP 31.12.23	-1,502.23	0.00
	56,720.69	62,718.90

PAYMENTS

	2024	2023
Ministry	6,340.00	6,275.00
Organ fees	208.00	208.00
Rent	9,999.96	9,999.96
Property (note 2)	4,485.63	5,931.20
Printing	2,323.31	1,455.57
Donations & subs (note 3)	13,623.34	19,752.29
Social events	740.55	537.73
Fair Trade	1,057.19	855.79
Flowers	473.00	488.00
Sundries (note 5)	2,205.44	6,238.61
	41,456.42	51,742.15
Less cheques UP at 31.12.24	-148.54	-1,502.23
	41,307.88	50,239.92
Transfers to Reserve Acct		
Balance in hand 31.12.24	181.80	228.06
Balance in Current Acct 31.12.24	15,231.01	12,250.92
	56,720.69	62,718.90

Notes

PUDSEY BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNT 2024

NOTES ON THE 2024 ACCOUNTS

NOTE 1

Income for other funds

Spurgeon's Childcare	442.54
Air ambulance	589.09
Baptist Missionary Society	1,080.33
Home Mission Fund	1,131.67
Operation Agri	551.28
Reach Project	365.86
Lebanon appeal	118.47
Christian Aid Week	457.84
	4,737.08

NOTE 2

Property expenses

Rent	9,999.96
Insurance	746.21
Cleaner	1,224.00
Southern Electric/EDF	1,665.19
Yorkshire Water	218.75
Repairs and maintenance	484.69
Sundry purchases	146.79

14,485.59

NOTE 4

Sundry receipts

Donations	347.74
Bible notes	87.00
Repayment of car loan	1,500.00
Nativity donations	263.68
Gift Aid rebates	2,510.12
	4,708.54

NOTE 3

Donations & subs

Yorkshire Air Ambulance	395.00
Spurgeon's Childcare	485.00
Baptist Union Subs	80.50
Churches Tog. in Pudsey	0.00
Operation Agri	605.00
Baptist Missionary Society	1,090.00
Home Missions	1,160.00
Northern Bapt College	100.00
Reach Project	1,700.00
Bible notes	100.00
Lebanon appeal	120.00
Chee Chang	1,000.00
Zephaniah Trust	6,000.00
Other	25.00
Pudsey in Bloom	55.00
Christian Aid Week	457.84
2387 Pudsey ATC	250.00

13,623.34

NOTE 5

Sundry Payments

Auditing	50.00
Crib dismantle repair & set up	1,330.00
Website maintenance	350.00
Other	475.44

2,205.44

Assets & liabilities

PUDSEY BAPTIST CHURCH ACCOUNT 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 31.12.24

VIRGIN CURRENT ACCOUNT	2024	2023
Balance brought forward	12,250.92	3,563.78
Receipts	19,454.12	18,935.10
Transfers from reserves and investments	24,000.00	37,736.03
	55,705.04	60,234.91
Payments	-40,474.03	-47,983.99
Transfers to Reserve Acct	0.00	0.00
Balance as per bank statement	15,231.01	12,250.92

CASH ACCOUNT		
Balance in hand 31.12.23	228.06	310.36
Cash received	45,743.94	58,844.76
	45,972.00	59,155.12
Transferred to bank	-43,454.12	-56,671.13
Cash paid out	-2,336.08	-2,255.93
Balance in hand 31.12.24	181.80	228.06

RESERVE ACCOUNT		
Balance at 31.12.23	0.00	3,729.13
Bank interest	0.00	6.90
Transfer from Current Acct		
	0.00	3,736.03
Transfers to Current Acct	0.00	3,736.03
Balance as per bank statement	0.00	0.00

INVESTMENTS	Book value	Market value	Market value
Quilter (was Old Mutual)	387,937.00	448,974.78	450,820.00



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

PUDSEY BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31-12-2024

Charity no
(if any)

1141722

Set out on pages

1-3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31-12-2024.

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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 (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:

G. Pollard

Date:

04-02-2025

Name:

GEOFFREY POLLARD

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

<p>1. Name of the person or organization to whom the report is made</p> <p>2. Date of the report</p> <p>3. Title of the report</p> <p>4. Summary of the report</p> <p>5. Details of the report</p> <p>6. Conclusion of the report</p> <p>7. Signature of the person making the report</p> <p>8. Name and position of the person making the report</p> <p>9. Name and position of the person receiving the report</p> <p>10. Name and position of the person approving the report</p>	<p>11. Name of the person or organization to whom the report is made</p> <p>12. Date of the report</p> <p>13. Title of the report</p> <p>14. Summary of the report</p> <p>15. Details of the report</p> <p>16. Conclusion of the report</p> <p>17. Signature of the person making the report</p> <p>18. Name and position of the person making the report</p> <p>19. Name and position of the person receiving the report</p> <p>20. Name and position of the person approving the report</p>
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