

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1141724

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2011-05-05

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: Baptist Church. Various church meetings for the spiritual health of members. Outreach to locality with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and services within the church to reach people for Jesus. Some lettings of the premises.

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.
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£181,092	£171,402	-	-
2024-03-31	£140,799	£150,542	-	-
2023-03-31	£154,262	£175,981	-	-
2022-03-31	£122,655	£156,615	-	-
2021-03-31	£210,982	£155,139	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARK HERD	Chair	2017-10-02
Bronwen Surgey		2023-05-24
Catherine Mumford		2025-05-21
Clive Butcher		2019-05-22
Jeanette Denton		2023-05-24
Melanie Jane Young		2025-05-21
NEIL ANDREW MEADOWS		2014-01-10
Olaoye David Oladele		2025-05-21
Samuel Olarewaju Olowonawu		2025-05-21

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Testimonies of God's Activities amongst us



Church Annual Report 2025

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01-3 Pastor's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for being such an amazing bunch of people, for all your support, prayer, love, giving and service to the Lord in MBC and the community during this last year. It feels we've grown over this last year as a family both numerically, and relationally and have set good foundations to continue to flourish as a fellowship in love, growing people and gifts and pursuing Jesus' Great commission to make disciples of all nations.



I've been very encouraged to see new people serving the Lord and getting involved in so many ways across the church and in its mission, blending wonderfully together to be more visibly what we are, **ONE BODY**.

We have had the joy of further baptisms this year, through outreach and children, families and youth work. Five young people were baptised last November after making firm commitments at the Yorkshire camp and attending the Youth group. It's been many years since the church have baptised that many young people at one time. This was added to by a further four adults from Outreach ministries at Easter.

I'd like to thank the leadership team who have served tirelessly, and especially those who are now standing down having served 6 years. You guys are amazing! We pray they will be refreshed and find their next steps in following Jesus and what He is calling them into. I am delighted to have 4 new deacons offering to serve for this next season.

I would like to thank you for granting a sabbatical, a time for spiritual, physical and emotional renewal. I'm also at the end of completing my training as a newly accredited minister and just about completed a MA degree in Ministry and Mission. So, thank you so much for that opportunity, I have grown so much personally and spiritually with a wider view of Baptist Mission in ministry.

As you read the reports from the various ministries, let's give thanks to our Father for His goodness, grace and faithfulness.



Disciple Making: There are a number of areas where we need to focus, firstly in making disciples. Jesus called us to make disciples, not converts. Discipleship across all ages involves deeper relational ministry, and combines that with a call to live out a lifestyle as a witness to the transforming power of God's grace, in everyday circumstances. It involves growing in our walk with Jesus and our service to Him, and requires us to equip everyone of all ages for service and witness. For some, that may even be an apostolic call to full time ministry, evangelism, or going to plant new things in new places.

At our recent Leadership Away day, we prayed and received direction from the Word of God and prophetic pictures. One of the pictures was a series of jigsaws of nests with pieces missing, and another of the process of the vine bearing fruit. As this has been prayed over, I believe that the Lord is saying that for the church to bear more fruit in more people of all ages there needs to be more spiritual parents in our church, these can be of any age but need to be further ahead, and have signs of maturing beyond the spiritual children assigned to them. The picture of the nest I believe is the containers for nurturing new birth through small groups where nurturing, preparation, deeper relationships, good fun, pastoral care, developing people/ spiritual parents/leaders and mission all come together to make disciples who make more disciples.

We will again be setting time aside to deepen our knowledge of God's Word over this coming year. We have booked the 'Walk Through The Bible' to deliver the New Testament overview for us on September 27th, and I'm exploring doing a course on Revelation, as it's a book that's probably the most relevant to our times, and is of interest to many people. But it's also the least preached and read because of the difficulty in interpretation. I would also like the church to consider running a marriage course this year.



At that Away Day we agreed that we need to increase the opportunities for praying consistently as a whole church family, including children and young people. We suggested to start on a Sunday evening from October 2025 5-6pm. We are agreed this should be our first priority if we are going to fulfil God's calling for our church.

Financial Stability and Blessing.

We have called a meeting to explain more about the importance of balancing our finances well. Firstly, this is God's will - that we are good stewards of all he gives to us. But as a church, we have opportunities to increase our mission. I would like to see this church reach and disciple young people and young adults from the community around us, and to be able to further grow those ministries in our church.

We're also part of a partnership to further plant a Christian community on Oaktree estate, we are currently in discussion with Mansfield Council about releasing a building, which will need renovation and some finance, to develop as a community hub and coffee shop which will serve some of needs for recovery work, access-to-work programmes, and much more. This will take the street church project and the Rooted Biglife disciple making groups into wider relationships with people on the estate so the Gospel can continue to bear fruit and impact the area. To be in a position to support these or other projects we have to be financially stable first with a balanced budget.

And finally, be encouraged—you can bear even more fruit of the Kingdom!

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35

One of the privileges of overseeing of a church is that I get to see God at work in so many people, and situations and also hear lots of testimonies of God's amazing grace and power at work both in the street outreach, the ministry on Oaktree estate and the ordinary walk of life. I'd like to share a few of those with you, just from the last two weeks, where I have glimpsed into God's extraordinary work through the lives of ordinary people.



Someone shared testimony of how they overheard a lady and their friend talking about churches, and they mentioned our church as she was the aunty of someone who was recently baptised here. So prompted by the Holy Spirit, the person was able to share that they came to our church and was able to invite them to join one of the Church's groups. An ordinary people, in every day places, prompted by the Holy Spirit, to step out and do extraordinary things in His name.

The following week, I met someone who was stood in a queue waiting to be served. The lady was a Muslim. They felt prompted to speak to them about Jesus, but the queue was so big, they felt under pressure so didn't say anything in that moment, but knew that they needed to go back and share the next time they went into that shop. They now carry copies of John's Gospel with them to give out as they feel prompted by the Holy Spirit. An ordinary people, in everyday places, prompted by the Holy Spirit to do extraordinary things in His name.

Someone who is so quiet and unassuming and probably would be the least likely person most of us would expect to do this - was in hospital for an operation. She was praying for herself, asking for God's help. A person in the ward, who had twisted legs and was struggling to walk, asked if they could have prayer, so the person put a hand on their knee and simply asked Jesus to straighten their legs in Jesus' name. The person receiving the prayer asked the nurse if they could try and walk and they said yes, and they didn't just walk, they ran down the corridor. An ordinary people, in everyday places, prompted by the Holy Spirit to do extraordinary things in His name.

Another person in church the other day, asked me if I knew any Christian apologetics courses or materials as they wanted to be a witness to friends and colleagues at work, but they were atheists, of another faith and had lots of reasons why Christianity is wrong. An ordinary people, in everyday places, prompted by the Holy Spirit to do extraordinary things in His name.

When I hear what Jesus said about the fields being white for Harvest, and His call to us to look up and see, and not to say 'The harvest is still four months away', in other words we are to be aware of God's harvest field as we go about our daily lives now. In another Gospel, Jesus uses the same picture of the harvest, but says "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few". Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers. I realise now that what Jesus is saying is, it's not that the workers are few but that the workers in the harvest field are fewer than He wanted! So we are the answer to that prayer when we - as ordinary people, in everyday places, prompted by the Holy Spirit, to step out and do extraordinary things in His name.

May you be blessed in your calling, and may this church equip you well to be a witness in the harvest field around you - as you go about your daily life, wherever the Lord may send you.

Much Love to you all

Mark and Jane



05-6

Church Administrator



Serving behind the scenes where ministry meets administration—rooted in faith, led by grace.

Every detail matters when it's done for Him.

It continues to be a joy and privilege to serve you all as Church Administrator at MBC. Even in the space of one week, there's always something new happening—and through it all, I see God's faithfulness in both the practical and pastoral moments of church life.

A few months ago, I joined UCAN (the UK Church Administrators Network).

Since then, I've become part of their Facebook group, which has been a really supportive space to share ideas and connect with others doing similar work.



I also met with a local group in Southwell—a really encouraging time of conversation, prayer, and mutual support. While there are challenges in the role at times, it was good to be reminded that others understand and that we can learn from one another.

I will be attending the national conference in Manchester in July.

Through UCAN, I joined a Zoom session focused on DBS and safeguarding training flows, using ChurchSuite, our church management system. It gave me some really helpful ideas, and I hope to start putting some of them into place later this year to make our safeguarding admin clearer and more consistent.

Newsletter

This year, I have added a three-month calendar to the newsletter, sharing upcoming events and regular activities. It's available as a link in the newsletter, in hard copy at the welcome desk, or on request.

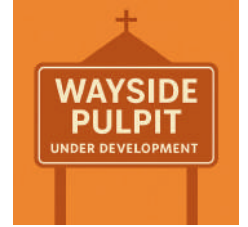
If you don't currently receive the newsletter, you'll soon be able to sign up via the website—or simply fill in a welcome card and I'll make sure you're added.



One of the major projects this year has been the creation of our new website, which is now very near completion.

While I wouldn't call myself a web designer, I've enjoyed putting it together, and I hope it will be clear, helpful, and welcoming for those who use it.

Thank you to Jonathon for designing the previous site and for his support over the years.



Work is underway to update our signs outside the church building. I'm currently waiting on final quotes, before moving ahead with the design stage.



We have a church Facebook group to help us stay connected during the week.

If you haven't joined yet, do take a look—and if you have a testimony to share, we'd love to hear it!

Prayer requests can be sent to prayer@mansfieldbaptist.church. If you'd like to receive regular prayer updates, just let me know and I'll add you to the list. And if we've been praying about something—do let us know how it's going. We love to hear answers to prayer and give thanks together!



One of my responsibilities is the coordination of weddings and funerals. I serve as the Registrar for weddings. I work closely with Mark and the couples throughout the process, and I'm currently putting together a wedding information pack to help couples feel well supported and prepared from the beginning. I also coordinate funerals, working with families and Mark to help ensure the service runs smoothly and if any hospitality is needed. A few times this year, I've stepped in to help with basic tech at funerals, which has only increased my appreciation for our dedicated tech team who faithfully serve on Sundays—I truly take my hat off to them!

We would love to see more people involved in supporting weddings and funerals—particularly with hospitality, setting up, and tech (especially). If you feel able to serve in this way, I'd love to hear from you.

Thank you to Neil for his continued support as my line manager, and to Kia for her help on Friday mornings in the office. Also to Sue for all she does, especially with hospitality for events.



Finally, I am thankful to serve in this role and look forward to all that God has in store for the year ahead.

God Bless
Cathy

07-8

Here is a brief update of the past year. God has been faithful and blessed the Children, Youth and Families at Mansfield Baptist Church. I have spent the past few months looking at my role and evaluating it. What a blessing it is to say it has become too large for me to be involved in it all. Over the past year I've been involved in the First Steps, a toddler leavers group for parents and Youth Night, teaching in Sunday Groups, a Biglife Mums group, lots of meetings and admin as well as time supporting families. There have been events, lunches and the All Age services so life has been busy. We have been blessed over the past year with a lot of growth but now the work begins, maintaining this and helping them all grow and flourish in their faith. For everyone reading this my biggest request is please pray, for the children, youth, volunteers and the vision for this work.



SUNDAY GROUPS

Our younger groups, Seedlings and Rise have been studying the life of Moses over the past two terms, breaking for Christmas and Easter teaching. It has



been awesome to see the children grow in their faith and our discussion times about the bible passage are becoming more engaging. It has been lovely to hear that some of the children have been wanting to read the bible at home and chat about the passage. As a result of this we are partnering with parents after Easter by sending out the bible passage and theme each week so parents can continue conversations at home during the week.

Rooted, our young persons group, have been studying biblical characters in their weekly sessions. It has been wonderful to see some of the children and youth become involved in the worship group.

We would love all our children and youth to become integrated into the church life by serving in various ways as it is a known fact that children and youth brought up in the church are more likely to stay if they are involved and have relationships with others in the congregation. We will be encouraging our year 12+ to take part in church life but I also believe the younger children and youth have lots to give and gifts to share. God loves and uses young and old alike. We need to INVEST IN THEM, ENCOURAGE THEM and RAISE THEM UP. This isn't just about telling them how to do it, this is coming alongside them, letting them try new ways, having enough grace to let them change things and supporting them. It's going to be MESSY but we need LOVE THEM OUTRAGEOUSLY and take care of them.

*Jesus said,
"Let the little
children come to me,
and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven
belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19 v14
(NIV)*

FIRST STEPS



Our toddler groups is always a joy to be part of on a Wednesday morning. We enjoy sharing Gods love with the children and parents/carers. At Easter and Christmas we have great opportunities, and this term we have made Prayer and Praise Bags in our craft times and encouraged the families to pray together at home using this. We are thankful for grants from the district and county council that have meant we have continued to only charge £1.



YOUTH

Our weekly youth group has continued flourish. There have been lively discussions and crazy activities. It's difficult to pick out the best bits as every week is amazing but this year the five baptisms and the youth alpha sleepover have to be top of the list. We have been on many trips out including recently going to see the Watoto Children's Choir which was amazing and thought provoking for us all. A massive thank you to Jenny Shepherd who has been running this group on Tuesdays, she will now be taking over all the contact for this group so that I can step back and concentrate on other areas of children, youth and families work in the church.



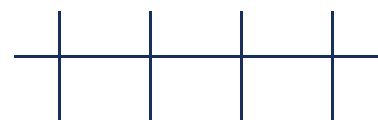
TRAINING



I am very grateful to the leadership of Mansfield Baptist Church for their continued support and generosity in allowing me to go on training events. Jen and I went away for 4 days in January to the Growing Young Disciples Conference at Yarnfield Park. This was a time for some excellent bible teaching, the theme this year was 'Christ: Prophet, Priest, and King', and it was a time to be restored and encouraged after a busy year. Starting our day with breakfast at 7.30am, Jen and I managed to fill our time with praise and worship, seminars, prayer and a trip to the pick and mix sweet station on the last day. Termly I meet online with other toddler group leaders for training and encouragement. Hearing what God is doing in the lives of toddlers, children and youth around the world is extremely encouraging.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the people who serve so faithfully in the children, families and youth ministry. If you think you can volunteer in a group, back display boards, support big events or help in any way please come and have a chat with me.

LOVE AND BLESSINGS
PAULA



09-10

Worship



Keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
Hebrews 12 v 2

A few months ago, I took a picture of the sun on a Cornwall beach. When I looked at it, I was amazed at how the camera had captured the sun perfectly, forming a cross.

**“I fix my eyes upon the cross- You are greater, Jesus, You are greater than it all. Grace and mercy found me. Oh, the blood of Jesus, is greater.”
(Jake Issac)**

Those words remind me of the importance that worship is all about Jesus and our heavenly Father - nothing more.

Worship becomes a powerful act when it centres our hearts and minds on Him. When we worship, we declare that Jesus reigns above all circumstances, and His cross is the ultimate symbol of victory and redemption.



Last year, I shared our vision for involving young people in the team, and I am thankful for how this has developed and continues to grow. The children and youth make such a difference to worship.

Matthew 19.v14 - "Let the little children come to Me".



I work with a team consisting of technicians, media/camera operators, singers, and musicians of all ages. I appreciate each one of them

We are currently focusing on training young worship leaders and involving youth in all tech and media roles. Training is being arranged and will commence soon. We have also recently welcomed adult vocalists to join us.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.

This year, we had a team social to thank everyone. Another will be arranged in the autumn, when everyone returns from their holidays.

Thanks Jane



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Women's Ministry



Bloom is our women's group that meets monthly on the second Saturday at 7pm. We launched in September last year with Worshipcise (and lots of cake!) and have since enjoyed a variety of evenings designed to bring women together in friendship, fun, and encouragement.

So far we've hosted:

- **Worshipcise**
- A Quiz Night
- A Board Games Night where we ended up just chatting, with lots of laughter and getting to know each other more
- A peaceful evening of Soaking in the Holy Spirit
- Talks, including one on the theme of food and God, which was very enlightening

**2nd Saturday
every month
@ 7pm**



One of the blessings this year has been our Pamper Night in February, which brought over 30 women into the church, many who were outside the church, and some from other churches. We're excited to be holding another one on Friday 14th June, and pray it will again create a relaxed and welcoming space for new connections. If you bake or buy some cakes, we'd appreciate that!

While attendance has been lower than we'd hoped, we truly believe there is great potential for this ministry to grow. Each month brings something different, and we want to warmly encourage more women—from within the church and beyond—to come along. Bring a friend, come as you are, and be part of what God is doing through Bloom.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped make Bloom possible—especially Dorcas, Karen, and Maddie for their support with setting up, refreshments, and more.

Thank you 

Please continue to pray for this ministry as it moves forward. We're excited for what lies ahead and trust that, in God's timing, Bloom will continue to grow into a space where women feel seen, supported, and spiritually nourished.

Cathy & Jeanette



For those who may not know, this is a long-running WhatsApp group for women at MBC. It's a space for support, encouragement, prayer, and sharing everyday faith—a place to walk alongside one another in our relationship with God and in daily life. If you would like to join, just speak to Mel Lambley or Cathy Mumford—we'd love to add you to the group.

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Pastoral

Jesus said "A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13 v34

The Pastoral Care Team serve as the eyes, ears and hands of the church, delivering care to the vulnerable and those in need of help and support in the fellowship. We have a core group of 7 members, including our pastor, who meet together regularly but there are also another 6 pastoral visitors that help and support this work by regularly keeping in contact with others in the fellowship – most of whom cannot get to church either at all or as much as they would like. One of our members who cannot get out and about much has just started supporting our ministry with regular phone calls to contact others in a similar situation and these are much appreciated. When any of our fellowship are in hospital we also contact the hospital chaplaincy to ensure that person receives spiritual as well as medical support.

During the past year we have taken out special "goody bags" at Harvest, Christmas and Easter to show people that although they may sometimes be out of sight they are certainly not out of mind. These are always much appreciated, as are the conversations and prayers that accompany them. All these bags contained a letter from the Pastor and Leadership Team, ideas for appropriate Bible readings and prayers as well as card from the fellowship, a card from the children and a small gift. The highlight for many of those who received these bags were the lovely handmade cards from the children. They brought smiles to lots of faces!

You can support this important ministry in several ways. If you know anyone who needs extra help or support please inform one of the core team. If you would be willing to consider being a Pastoral Visitor and committing to visit someone regularly please talk to Jenny Clark who organises the regular visits. Last but not least, please pray for those of us involved in this ministry, as we do our best to show God's amazing love to others who for the long term or short term need extra re-assurance of His love and care, reminding them how valued and special they are to Him, and to us.

Pastoral Care Core Team – Pastor Mark Herd, Clive Butcher, Jenny Clark,
Margaret Selley, Dorcas Burnett, Jean Durrant, Joyce Bowskill



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Mission: Rooted

This mission has been, and is, a wonderful opportunity to meet with the residents and community of Oaktree. We have been in ministry there for several years. We share the Gospel and the good news of Jesus Christ. We have seen—and are continuing to see—lives transformed by the Gospel. Several have given their lives to Christ, and we have seen baptisms come from this.

Many are in Big Life groups, and this is continuing to grow and flourish, with more people growing in faith and in their walk with Jesus. A wonderful community has bonded together, and so much love, support, fellowship, and friendship is really evident within this ministry.

It's an absolute privilege to be part of—seeing so many individuals' lives changed for the better and transformed as they walk with Christ.

Jeanette Denton



Women's Home Group



We a a small group of ladies that meet every Wed evening (term time) at my home.

Studying the word of God together and being accountable to each other in our obedience to God. Loving, supporting and praying together in our journey of faith and friendship with one another.

We have done many differing studies including Freedom in Christ dvd studies and currently are doing First steps, going back to basics and recapping on where we are with Jesus. We also have meals out , movies, and creative prayer activities.

We encourage each other to lead in the studies enabling growth in our abilities and understanding, faith and fellowship together is very important to us. If you are a lady looking for a life group to be a part of then please come and chat with me.

Jeanette Denton

14 Bags of Hope & Blessing Bags



We have needed less of the **Bags of Hope** which is a blessing, but we have still given hope to some families with a food shop that has everything they need for a week's meals and snacks.

For this outreach, the requests come from various organisations and people. Normally the family have hit a difficult time, and the fact they don't have to worry about feeding the family gives them hope that things will get better and they are loved.

The money paid in to this is a real help with the huge increase in the cost of a weekly shop. A huge thank you to the regular givers.

The **Blessing Bags** have continued to be made and taken to the street church outreach each week.

We had a lovely delivery from the harvest festival from the Queen Elizabeth school which was a real help.

We pack 24 bags of a few different staples each week. which are then distributed on the Oaktree estate, blessing the people who attend.

We have had help from Robbie in October to December as he was doing his Duke of Edinburgh bronze award, which was lovely.

During the time I was off, the help came from various people in church with Julie Cook doing the largest part of the 3 months.

At Christmas Sue and Ted sorted the special blessing bags.

The blessing bags are a part of the street church outreach work, and we hear that there is growth in this this area - a blessing and encouraging to all.

The blessing bags from the cupboard have helped people through the year who just need something for that week to help them manage until funds are available again.

How can you help?

- Prayer
- Money to Neil to give financially for this outreach
- Bring a tin of beans or soup to church on sunday



We can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:4

15 BMS Church Partners

Claire Bedford. Claire Bedford serves as a pharmacist and a member of the management team with BMS World Mission at the Guinebor 2 Hospital, N'Djamena, Chad.

In her latest prayer letter, Claire reports the pharmacy is next on the list in the on-going renovation project. The suspended ceilings in the pharmacy, which were low and rickety, have been taken down, and higher, fixed ceilings are being put up.



Part of the duties of the management team are to meet with the staff representatives to discuss issues relevant to the Chadian staff, and holding monthly meetings with the Chadian heads of departments. The hospital has 123 staff but with teamwork and God's grace, it happens, and patients continue to trust the hospital and come for care.

Claire says she really appreciates our ongoing support in prayer and also financially via the BMS 24:7 Partners' scheme.



Benjamin and Gillian Francis. Ben Francis is supported by BMS World Mission and works with Biglife as an evangelist in the northern states of India. In a recent prayer letter Ben says that, during the Christmas season, they had the opportunity to spread the good news of Jesus in thousands of villages across India.

As a result, people in these villages have expressed a growing interest in knowing more about Jesus. The Jesus Film has also been shown in many new villages and hearts have been touched and a deepening interest in the teachings of Jesus Christ in new communities.

Ben writes about Satyanarayan, an avid reader of Hindu religious texts. 'Despite his extensive studies, [Satyanarayan] felt an unquenchable thirst for spiritual truth. His search for answers seemed endless, leaving him unfulfilled and unsatisfied. That was when he received a New Testament from one of our leaders, which proved to be a turning point in his life. As he delved into the Gospel of John, he encountered the truth about God that he had been searching for. The words of Jesus resonated deeply within him, and he found himself drawn to the Gospel message. His new found faith awakened a sense of conviction within him. He realized that he was a sinner in need of redemption and that he needed to be born again. This transformation sparked a desire to share his discovery with others. Today, praise God his home has become a hub for spiritual growth, with Bible studies taking place three times a week. His eagerness to learn more about the truth is inspiring, and his testimony serves as a beacon of hope for those seeking spiritual fulfilment.'

Philip and Rose Lotimong. Philip Lotimong is senior pastor of Heart of Love Ministries based in Mbale, Uganda. His connection with our church comes through working alongside me during my many visits to Uganda. I count Philip among my closest friends.

Philip has a passion to reach the unreached people in Karamoja, his homeland. During March Philip and members of his team met with pastors in the region to discuss further outreach opportunities. The meeting was very encouraging and productive.



Philip has identified unreached people groups he has a desire to reach.

Morukori Tribe (Mountains of Morungole, Kabong): This community resides 2700 metres above the Karamojong plains. They are not herders and are known for their resistance to visitors. They depend on honey and interactions with the Nyite Utho tribe, a group known for traditionalism and witchcraft.

Nyite Peth Tribe (Mountains of Nakapiripirit - Kadam/Tepeth Mountain): Another unreached group requiring focused outreach.

Barabaig Tribe (Wabarabaig, in Swahili): A nomadic Datooga people group based in the northern volcanic highlands near Mount Hanang, Manyara Region, Tanzania. They number about 50,000 and follow traditional animist beliefs, relying on hunting, farming, and animal husbandry.

Please pray God's clear guidance for Philip and his team as they make plans to fulfil their part in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

We are hoping to see Philip and Rose in the UK soon, and may be around at the time of the AGM. We look forward to seeing them and hearing of their work.

David Ardron

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’”

— Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)

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Recovery

Recovery helps people towards healing and a greater freedom which God has promised for us all. People joining the Recovery group are starting a journey that helps to heal past hurts and wounds, reduce feelings of unworthiness, anxiety and inferiority and remove blockages to developing a closer, healthier relationship with God and others.

Recovery is for anyone. It is difficult to go through life without facing some negative experiences in our childhood or adulthood or possibly suffering traumatic incidents. These can make us vulnerable to hurts, habits or hang-ups. Recovery is a powerful process for overcoming these vulnerabilities. It allows God to heal memories and the resulting damaged emotions.

God is at the centre of all that happens and, as He knows us intimately, the Recovery team is totally reliant on what He is wanting to do with each person. The team listen and follow His wishes.

An atmosphere is created where confidentiality, a non-judgemental attitude and unconditional love are important. It's an environment where respect for each other and their views is essential, making a safe place where people feel able to share and where leaders listen, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We let God be God, creating a place for His loving, healing purposes.

An adapted, Christian-based Twelve Steps programme is used and, in addition, 1:1 Deeper Prayer.

To summarise the benefits from Recovery:

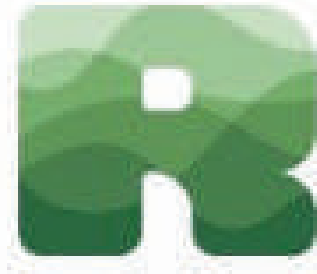
- Healing and freedom from past hurts, habits and traumas.
- Improving mental health by reducing feelings of anxiety and inferiority and bringing peace and feelings of worthiness.
- Learning how to forgive, effecting positive changes in relationships, and coming to some realisation where we may have caused hurts in others.
- Developing more self-understanding and awareness of others' needs, resulting in more positive relationships with others.
- Developing Godly ways of dealing with situations – responses rather than reactions.
- Gaining a greater understanding of the depth of God's love and care for us, receiving His love and developing a closer, deeper relationship with Him.
- Helping us to be more open to God and knowing Him and His ways, relying on Him more, letting Him be more and more present in our lives.

Thank You,
Bron and Spro.

If you would like to know more, ask one of the above people.



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Renew Wellbeing

In June this year it will be 10 years since the first Renew Wellbeing centre was opened, there are now 300 centres of which ours at Mansfield Baptist Church is one. We remain grateful to Derek and Brenda for bringing Renew Wellbeing here over 5 years ago and for their continuing support.



We meet every Thursday between 10.00 am and 1.30 pm, with short breaks over Christmas, Easter and during August. We continue to be a 'Quiet shared space where it is OK to not be OK'. Our guests enjoy the many activities available such as jigsaws, puzzle books, watercolour painting and colouring books as well as the opportunity to converse. Coffee and tea are served.

The number attending varies but is usually in the twenties with many coming regularly. Over the year we have welcomed new attendees although we mourn the loss of some friends who are no longer with us, missing their valued contribution.



A Prayer Space is available, and a short prayer session based on the Lord's Prayer held before lunch is well attended. We are delighted that some who come to Renew now attend our Sunday services with more than one of them being baptised.

The Renew team meet for prayer before each session, this is based on a Psalm with a reflection provided by Ruth Rice (the founder of Renew Wellbeing). We have now reached Psalm 70!

We are indebted to Sue Kemp and her team for providing the high-quality meals at the end of the morning.



We give thanks that Renew Wellbeing remains such an important part of the week for so many.



Should you wish to join our team of volunteers you will be most welcome.

The Renew Team.

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Feeding with the Word Men's Breakfast

As we celebrate another year of “Feeding with the Word” Men’s Breakfast, we can reflect on a time of real fellowship, we have shared together some of life’s difficulties that face us as individuals and some of the joyous moments too. Life is full of challenges, but the spirit of Jesus always shines through as He walks with us.



So often as we share the word, there is something in scripture that lift us both as individuals and as a group together, the bible is so relevant to our lives today and holds so many answers to life’s challenges. Testimonies have been such an important part of our meetings this year, where we hear the wonderful changes that have happened to people through the power of Jesus entering their lives when facing hardship or simply through the need to change ones ways for the better.

We have several members from other churches attending too, which adds to the depth of our sharing together as brothers and unites us as the Christian church. We would really welcome more members from our own church too, when together, we grow stronger both spiritually and in fellowship.

Again this year we have averaged around 17 people attending and I pray that this next year we can grow in number, I would love to see more brothers attending.

We give special thanks to Sue K and Craig R for their hard work in the kitchen, as always the food is excellently prepared and greatly enjoyed by the group.



As a reminder to all, we meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9.00am in the MBC main hall and all are welcome, leaflets are available with all the information and dates, in the main MBC entrance, details are also available on the MBC website, so bring a friend and discover the relevance of Jesus Christ in your lives today



We also have a WhatsApp group, “Brothers in Belief” where we share ministry and scripture supporting each other in times of hardship and celebrating the good news of answered prayer.

Finding Strength in God – “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” – Isaiah 40:31

So please do come and join us, all are welcome
Tim



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Romanian Group



Our Romanian community gathers once a month for worship, teaching, and encouragement.

Sometimes we have around 20 adults, along with 4 young adults (aged 18–25) and 6 children (aged 3–16). Attendance can vary depending on work commitments, but we give thanks for everyone who is able to join us.

Among the group, we have a strong core of adults aged 25 to 60 who are regularly involved and growing together in faith.

We're also grateful for the support of Christian friends from Doncaster, who faithfully come to help and encourage.

Each gathering includes a time of worship and a sermon, and we also welcome contributions such as songs, poems, or testimonies from members of the group.

We thank God for His work in this vibrant, multi-generational community, and for the opportunity to worship together in unity.

Thank you 😊

Blessings

Corina

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly... as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.”

- Colossians 3:16



MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31st MARCH 2025

Prepared by: NEIL MEADOWS

- **Introduction**

The information in these accounts have been transferred from 'Finance Co-Ordinator' and reconciled with bank statements. The accounts were examined by Mr P Henderson on 12th May 2025 as per the attached statement.

They have been approved by the Church at the Annual General Meeting on 21st May 2025

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	155,415	5,171	—	160,586	121,307
Incoming resources from charitable activities	—	1,732	—	1,732	205
Other incoming resources	18,773	—	—	18,773	19,286
Total income	174,189	6,903	—	181,092	140,799
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Cost of generating voluntary income	30,747	2,830	—	33,577	8,916
Charitable activities	131,799	6,945	—	138,745	141,626
Governance costs	(920)	—	—	(920)	—
Other resources used	—	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure	161,626	9,775	—	171,402	150,542
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	12,562	(2,871)	—	9,690	(9,743)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	169,099	—	169,099	238,763
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	12,562	166,227	—	178,789	229,019
Total funds brought forward	81,080	6,005,474	—	6,086,555	5,857,536
Total funds carried forward	93,642	6,171,701	—	6,265,344	6,086,555
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	69,245	—	—	69,245	71,056
Designated					
Chhahari Nepal	50	—	—	50	50
Children Family & Youth	6,294	—	—	6,294	(5,580)
Light House	112	—	—	112	112
Mission	(8,887)	—	—	(8,887)	(8,520)
Parish Nurse	0	—	—	0	0
Property development	20,667	—	—	20,667	17,804
Sue Personal	269	—	—	269	269
TODDLERS	115	—	—	115	115
Youth Worker	5,777	—	—	5,777	5,777
Restricted					
BMS Birthday Fund	—	174	—	174	225
BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—

BUGB Home Mission Fund	—	—	—	—
Chhahari Nepal	—	(50)	—	(50)
Children Family & Youth Fellowship Fund	—	(758)	—	(758)
First Steps	—	(6,160)	—	(6,160)
Fixed Assets	—	652	—	652
Foodbank	—	6,209,639	—	6,209,639
Homeless	—	0	—	0
INF	—	687	—	687
Leprosy Mission	—	0	—	0
Light House	—	(223)	—	(223)
Minister in Training	—	(112)	—	(112)
Mission	—	0	—	0
Own A/C Baby Talk	—	0	—	0
Own A/C Coffee Shop	—	0	—	0
Own A/C Family Fun Night	—	—	—	—
Own A/C Little Explorers	—	(74)	—	(74)
Own A/C Ministers Fellowship	—	(255)	—	(255)
Own A/C Toddlers	—	1,182	—	1,182
Own A/C Vintage Club	—	(83)	—	(83)
Own A/C Welcome Break	—	—	—	—
Power Pack	—	64	—	64
Preg. Crisis	—	0	—	0
Property development	—	0	—	0
Shine	—	(28,323)	—	(28,323)
Sue Personal	—	0	—	0
TODDLERS	—	(268)	—	(268)
Uganda Fund	—	(114)	—	(114)
Welcome Break	—	1,501	—	1,501
Youth Worker	—	0	—	0
	—	(5,776)	—	(5,776)

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
FA001	Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	4,795,565	4,655,878
FA002	Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	239,363	234,213
FA003	Pipe Organ in Church	628,681	610,369
FA004	Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	302,030	302,030
FA005	2nd Property, 19 Tattershall Walk	244,000	238,050
	Total Fixed assets	6,209,639	6,040,540
Current assets			
CA001	Bank current account	33,340	43,458
CA002	Deposit account	20,021	—
CA003	Bond 9mths	—	—
CA004	COIF accounts	1,159	1,104
CA005	Petty Cash	—	—
CA006	Minister,s Community A/C	1,182	1,423
CA007	Toddler,s Own A/C	0	27
CA008	Vintage Club A/c	—	—
CA009	Welcome Break Own A/C	—	—
CA010	Coffee Shop A/c	—	—
CA011	Power Pack Own A/C	—	—
CA012	Holiday Drop-in A/C	—	—
CA013	Youth Drop-in A/C	—	—
CA014	Baby Talk A/C	—	—
	Total Current assets	55,705	46,015
Liabilities			
LIA001	Underpaid Electricity	—	—

LIA002	Unpaid specified funds	—	—
LIA003	Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	—
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	6,265,344	6,086,555
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	9,690	—
Z01	Starting balances	6,086,555	5,847,792
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	169,099	238,763
Z03	Gains and losses own use	—	—
	Total Reserves	6,265,344	6,086,555
Represented by funds			
	Unrestricted	69,245	71,056
	Designated	24,397	10,024
	Restricted	6,171,701	6,005,474
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	6,265,344	6,086,555

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	—	—	4,795,565	—	4,795,565	4,655,878
Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	—	—	239,363	—	239,363	234,213
Pipe Organ in Church	—	—	628,681	—	628,681	610,369
Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	—	—	302,030	—	302,030	302,030
2nd Property, 19 Tattershall Walk	—	—	244,000	—	244,000	238,050
Totals	—	—	6,209,639	—	6,209,639	6,040,540
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account	48,169	24,397	(39,226)	—	33,340	43,458
Totals	48,064	24,397	(37,937)	—	34,524	44,910
Current assets - Investments						
Deposit account	20,021	—	—	—	20,021	—
Bond 9mths	—	—	—	—	—	—
COIF accounts	1,159	—	—	—	1,159	1,104
Totals	21,181	—	—	—	21,181	1,104
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Petty Cash	(500)	—	500	—	—	—
Minister,s Community A/C	—	—	1,182	—	1,182	1,423
Toddler,s Own A/C	344	—	(343)	—	0	27
Vintage Club A/c	—	—	—	—	—	—
Welcome Break Own A/C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coffee Shop A/c	—	—	—	—	—	—
Power Pack Own A/C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Holiday Drop-in A/C	10	—	(10)	—	—	—
Youth Drop-in A/C	41	—	(41)	—	—	—
Baby Talk A/C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	48,064	24,397	(37,937)	—	34,524	44,910
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Underpaid Electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unpaid specified funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	69,245	24,397	6,171,701	—	6,265,344	6,086,555

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
BF - BMS Birthday Fund						
Restricted	225	781	832	—	—	174
Sub-total for BF	225	781	832	—	—	174
BMS - BMS World Mission						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BMS	—	—	—	—	—	—
BT - Own A/C Baby Talk						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BT	—	—	—	—	—	—
CS - Own A/C Coffee Shop						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for CS	—	—	—	—	—	—
FA - Fixed Assets						
Restricted	6,040,540	—	—	—	169,099	6,209,639
Sub-total for FA	6,040,540	—	—	—	169,099	6,209,639
FB - Foodbank						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for FB	0	—	—	—	—	0
FF - Fellowship Fund						
Restricted	(5,994)	1,044	1,210	—	—	(6,160)
Sub-total for FF	(5,994)	1,044	1,210	—	—	(6,160)
FFN - Own A/C Family Fun N						
Restricted	(74)	—	—	—	—	(74)
Sub-total for FFN	(74)	—	—	—	—	(74)
FS - First Steps						
Restricted	—	652	—	—	—	652
Sub-total for FS	—	652	—	—	—	652
FW - Children Family & Yo						
Designated	(5,580)	11,875	—	—	—	6,294
Restricted	(758)	—	—	—	—	(758)
Sub-total for FW	(6,339)	11,875	—	—	—	5,536
HMF - BUGB Home Mission Fu						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HMF	—	—	—	—	—	—
INF - INF						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for INF	0	—	—	—	—	0
LE - Own A/C Little Explo						
Restricted	176	—	432	—	—	(255)
Sub-total for LE	176	—	432	—	—	(255)
LH - Light House						
Designated	112	—	—	—	—	112
Restricted	(112)	—	—	—	—	(112)
Sub-total for LH	0	—	—	—	—	0
MCA - Own A/C Ministers Fe						
Restricted	1,423	970	1,210	—	—	1,182
Sub-total for MCA	1,423	970	1,210	—	—	1,182
MIT - Minister in Training						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for MIT	0	—	—	—	—	0
Miss - Mission						

Designated	(8,520)	—	366	—	—	(8,887)
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for Miss	(8,520)	—	366	—	—	(8,886)
PC - Preg. Crisis						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for PC	0	—	—	—	—	0
PD - Property development						
Designated	17,804	2,863	—	—	—	20,667
Restricted	(25,184)	—	3,139	—	—	(28,323)
Sub-total for PD	(7,380)	2,863	3,139	—	—	(7,655)
PN - Parish Nurse						
Designated	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for PN	0	—	—	—	—	0
PP - Power Pack						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PP	—	—	—	—	—	—
SHI - Shine						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for SHI	0	—	—	—	—	0
SP - Sue Personal						
Designated	269	—	—	—	—	269
Restricted	(268)	—	—	—	—	(268)
Sub-total for SP	0	—	—	—	—	0
SS - Chhahari Nepal						
Designated	50	—	—	—	—	50
Restricted	(50)	—	—	—	—	(50)
Sub-total for SS	—	—	—	—	—	—
TLM - Leprosy Mission						
Restricted	—	1,080	1,303	—	—	(223)
Sub-total for TLM	—	1,080	1,303	—	—	(223)
TOA - Own A/C Toddlers						
Restricted	(56)	—	27	—	—	(83)
Sub-total for TOA	(56)	—	27	—	—	(83)
UG - Uganda Fund						
Restricted	116	1,615	230	—	—	1,501
Sub-total for UG	116	1,615	230	—	—	1,501
VC - Own A/C Vintage Club						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for VC	—	—	—	—	—	—
WB - Welcome Break						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for WB	0	—	—	—	—	0
WBO - Own A/C Welcome Brea						
Restricted	64	—	—	—	—	64
Sub-total for WBO	64	—	—	—	—	64
WS - Homeless						
Restricted	1,317	760	1,389	—	—	687
Sub-total for WS	1,317	760	1,389	—	—	687
YW - Youth Worker						
Designated	5,777	—	—	—	—	5,777
Restricted	(5,776)	—	—	—	—	(5,776)
Sub-total for YW	0	—	—	—	—	0
td - TODDLERS						
Designated	115	—	—	—	—	115
Restricted	(114)	—	—	—	—	(114)
Sub-total for td	0	—	—	—	—	0
General - General fund						

Unrestricted	71,056	159,450	161,260	—	—	69,245
Sub-total for General	71,056	159,450	161,260	—	—	69,245
Grand total	6,086,555	181,092	171,402	—	169,099	6,265,344

Analysis of income and expenditure

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
IN001 - Gift Aid	55,628	—	—	—	55,628	47,311
IN002 - Collections	30,112	—	—	—	30,112	31,673
IN003 - Donations - Unr	1,094	—	—	—	1,094	1,246
IN005 - INF	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN006 - Sundries	13	—	—	—	13	—
IN007 - Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN008 - Property Development	—	2,863	—	—	2,863	4,596
IN009 - BMS Birthday	—	—	781	—	781	224
IN010 - BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN011 - BUGB Home Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN012 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	—	—	—	160
IN013 - Children, Families & Youth	—	11,875	—	—	11,875	11,854
IN016 - Mission & Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	150
IN019 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN021 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN022 - Tax Refunds	15,188	—	—	—	15,188	14,562
IN023 - Sue Personal	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN026 - Minister's Community	—	—	970	—	970	640
IN033 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN035 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN036 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN037 - Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN038 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN040 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN042 - Conferences	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN044 - Donations - Des	29,301	—	—	—	29,301	2,154
IN045 - Donations - Res	697	—	—	—	697	4,053
IN046 - Church Services	—	—	—	—	—	144
IN050 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN051 - Homeless	—	—	760	—	760	540
IN052 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN053 - Fellowship Fund	—	—	1,044	—	1,044	—
IN054 - Church Maintenance	4,598	—	—	—	4,598	(25)
IN055 - Supply	(60)	—	—	—	(60)	—
IN056 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN057 - Manse Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	(1,239)
IN058 - Expenses Income	155	—	—	—	155	136
IN059 - Donations - Photocopier	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN061 - Uganda Fund	—	—	1,615	—	1,615	1,848
IN062 - Children & Families Pastor - Resources	—	—	—	—	—	114
IN063 - 2nd Property	92	—	—	—	92	—
IN064 - Bags Of Hope	3,166	—	—	—	3,166	1,160
IN066 - Church Activities Income	689	—	—	—	689	—
Total	140,676	14,738	5,171	—	160,586	121,307

Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year

IN014 - Light House	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN015 - Minister in Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN017 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN018 - Preg Crisis	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN020 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN024 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN025 - Toddlers Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN027 - Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN028 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	—	—	—	64
IN029 - Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN030 - Impact Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN031 - Family Fun Night	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN032 - 1st Steps	—	—	652	—	652	141
IN039 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN041 - Other Salaries Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN043 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN047 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN048 - Donations - Heat & Lighting	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN060 - NCC Supplies - Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN065 - Leprosy Mission	—	—	1,080	—	1,080	—
Total	—	—	1,732	—	1,732	205

Other incoming resources

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
IN004 - Lettings	1,416	—	—	—	1,416	1,710
IN034 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN049 - Manse & 2nd Property Income	17,356	—	—	—	17,356	17,576
Total	18,773	—	—	—	18,773	19,286

INCOME TOTAL	159,450	14,738	6,903	—	181,092	140,799
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Cost of generating funds

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP056 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP077 - Interim Minister	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP082 - Travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP069 - Homeless	—	—	1,389	—	1,389	41
EXP070 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP072 - Nepal Earthquake	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP073 - Donations - Restricted	644	—	—	—	644	4,571
EXP074 - Fellowship Fund	600	—	1,210	—	1,810	945

EXP075 - Dishwasher	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP076 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP078 - Donations - Designated	26,669	100	—	—	26,769	355
EXP079 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP080 - Manse Allowances	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP081 - Maintenance Manse & 2nd Property	—	—	—	—	—	908
EXP084 - Uganda Fund	—	—	230	—	230	1,700
EXP085 - Manse Sale & Purchase	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP086 - 2nd Property	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP088 - Bags Of Hope	2,734	—	—	—	2,734	393
Total	30,647	100	2,830	—	33,577	8,916

Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
EXP001 - Stipend & Salaries	51,074	—	—	—	51,074	34,938
EXP002 - HMRC	7,503	—	—	—	7,503	6,253
EXP003 - BMPF	9,234	—	—	—	9,234	8,411
EXP004 - Team Expenses & Resources	1,359	—	—	—	1,359	3,380
EXP005 - Supply - Speakers	280	—	—	—	280	340
EXP006 - Manse Allowance	11,808	—	—	—	11,808	11,808
EXP007 - Insurance Manse & 2nd Property	757	—	—	—	757	661
EXP008 - Manse Fuel	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP009 - Manse Phone	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP010 - Church Insurance	4,420	—	—	—	4,420	4,288
EXP011 - Gas	476	—	—	—	476	1,434
EXP012 - Electricity	9,878	—	—	—	9,878	7,846
EXP013 - Cleaning & Kitchen Supplies	1,315	—	—	—	1,315	1,336
EXP014 - Church Maintenance	7,944	—	—	—	7,944	11,286
EXP015 - Music	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP016 - Junior Church	8	—	—	—	8	—
EXP017 - Subscriptions & Copyright	4,359	—	—	—	4,359	4,026
EXP018 - Conferences	605	—	—	—	605	215
EXP019 - Books	142	—	—	—	142	1,391
EXP020 - Publicity	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP021 - Youth Worker	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP022 - Administrator	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP023 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP024 - Phone and BB Church	1,494	—	—	—	1,494	1,389
EXP025 - Photocopier	2,016	—	—	—	2,016	1,753
EXP026 - Printing & Stationery	1,286	—	—	—	1,286	1,982
EXP027 - Sundries	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP028 - BMS Contributions	4,800	—	—	—	4,800	4,800
EXP029 - HMF Contributions	4,800	—	—	—	4,800	4,800
EXP030 - ICIS Gifts	2,400	—	—	—	2,400	2,400
EXP031 - INF Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP032 - Evangelical Alliance Gift	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP033 - Outreach Giving	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP034 - BMS Birthday	—	—	832	—	832	—
EXP035 - Youth Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP036 - Children, Families & Youth	—	—	—	—	—	11,247
EXP037 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP038 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	—	—	—	160
EXP039 - Property	—	—	3,139	—	3,139	7,505
EXP040 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP041 - Minister in training	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP042 - Light House	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP043 - Mission	—	—	—	—	—	3,049
EXP044 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—

EXP045 - Sue Psnl	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP046 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP047 - Toddlers Own	—	—	27	—	27	21
EXP048 - Minister's Community	—	—	1,210	—	1,210	681
EXP049 - Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP050 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP051 - Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP052 - Impact Own	—	—	—	—	—	19
EXP053 - Family Fun Night	—	—	—	—	—	34
EXP054 - 1st Steps	—	—	432	—	432	1,414
EXP055 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP057 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP058 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP059 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP060 - BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP061 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP062 - Other Salaries	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP063 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP064 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP065 - Training	1,255	—	—	—	1,255	2,283
EXP066 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP067 - Church Services	579	—	—	—	579	464
EXP071 - Mission Social Justice	43	266	—	—	309	—
EXP083 - Development	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP089 - Leprosy Mission	—	—	1,303	—	1,303	—
EXP090 - Church Activities Expenses	1,689	—	—	—	1,689	—
Total	131,533	266	6,945	—	138,745	141,626

Governance costs

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Total Last year</u>
EXP091 - CIO Costs	(920)	—	—	—	(920)	—
Total	(920)	—	—	—	(920)	—

Other resources used

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Total Last year</u>
EXP087 - Slessor Insurance Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	161,260	366	9,775	—	171,402	150,542
GRAND TOTAL	(1,810)	14,372	(2,871)	—	9,690	(9,743)

- **Conclusion**

These are a fair and true record of the financial activities of Mansfield Baptist Church for the year commencing 1st April 2024 and ending 31st March 2025, kept by Neil Meadows, Finance Administrator.

This report dated: 22nd May 2025

Signed

neil meadows

MR NEIL MEADOWS



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025

Charity no (if any)

1141724

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

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:

Patrick Henderson

Date:

12.5.25

Name:

PATRICK HENDERSON

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

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Address:

143 RAMSEY DRIVE
ARNOLD
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

NONE

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1141724

Accounts



Mansfield
Baptist
Church



Testimonies of God's Activities amongst us



Church Annual Report 2024

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Looking Back. Thank you!

First thank you all so much for being on this journey with us, it's a great Joy and honor to serve the Lord alongside you. Thank you for all you do with prayer, serving, and giving, to enable MBC to be a blessing to you in your walk with Jesus, and a blessing to others outside of our church as the Gospel of Hope flows from us into our community and to our partner missions projects.

We are especially thankful to those who serve faithfully on the leadership team, and many areas of the church including pastoral care, leading bible studies, practical jobs, cooking, outreach, flowers, renew café, recovery work, worship team, tech, youth and children, young adults, and the romanian community, all of whom are an important part of making the church an awesome family to be part of.

There is so much to be thankful for, as we look over the reports from the ministries around the church, God is faithful and He is the one who adds and grows His church.



Growing Family relationships



We have been blessed this year with all the services and ministries continuing to grow and the church has become more wonderfully diverse in age, background, and nationality. The All-Age service particularly continues to grow and to be a catalyst for the deepening of relationships which is so important with so many new people in our Church family, moving us deeper towards greater unity and love of one another. The All-Age Sunday has been a sign of an expanding and welcoming church with a majority of people from our family eating together, and also extending an open welcome to visitors who come and join us at the meal who need care and support, so we continue to be a church that genuinely welcomes anyone from our community who is in need. Many thanks to all those involved.

One of the signs of growth in our church is the Baptism of new Believers, it has been amazing to see that those who have been baptised this year have been from every ministry and are very mixed in age and background. The current Alpha course has also gathered people who have connected with our church through our outreach ministry Renew well-being, and the family's work, it's so encouraging to see God at work in the lives of so many people so we give thanks to God for all He is doing.

The Challenges

But we are also a church in transition. Some of our established members have gone to be with the Lord or have moved on, and others have had ill health and cannot serve as they would like at present. We also have a lot of newer people join us and attend services, who are settling in well, but either due to work or family situations or not maybe knowing how to get involved are still finding their way. This is fantastic and has brought new vibrance and life to the church but it does present challenges for us to be able to run the church well, building a strong foundation, particularly with some of the practical things like hospitality, tech, and the children and young people's ministries to name a few of the areas.

The Importance of Commitment

Our commitment to play our part in church family life, its witness, and mission is an essential part of being a follower of Jesus. It helps us grow deeper in our relationships with others and to grow spiritually ourselves and will be a blessing to others.

At MBC we encourage membership as a sign of that commitment. We have continued bringing people into our church membership over the last year. We do this recognising that we are in a **covenantal (committed) relationship as the family of God in a local church**. Firstly committed in love to Christ and one another, to care for and encourage one another. Secondly, a commitment to pray, serve, and give in time and financially support the work of the church and the expansion of the Gospel through it, into our mission, both locally and in other places.

The word of God describes us as being the body of Christ,(1 Corinthians 12 v 12-27) where each person plays their part. This is so important for us to be committed together and use the gifts the Lord has given to each one of us for the body to be built up and added to, and to join with Jesus Christ in the work of the Great Commission.



Prayer continues to be the heartbeat of the church and we aspire to develop further in this ministry. We have continued to pray daily from 8-9am, 7 days a week 365 days a year drawing aside into the presence of God in worship and intercession, bringing the needs of the church, its people, its mission and the community to the Lord. We know many of you are also praying at different times during the week.

During this year we have encouraged you to pick up a discipline of fasting for special seasons of prayer and the leadership team meets together monthly to pray. Thank you to the many of you who **pray for others and their needs, from the prayer chain and the WhatsApp groups** we know there have been many incredible answers to prayer and people have been encouraged and experienced God's presence and power through your prayers.

Evangelism and outreach, and Witness

We are all witnesses to the work of Christ in our lifestyle and words to those we know and meet in the course of our lives. But as a church, we are committed to encouraging those with a specific call and gifting to widen this. We have continued to engage people in the Town centre, we are very blessed to have some gifted Evangelists among us who have the time to be in the town centre Wednesdays and Friday mornings.

We have increasingly found openness from people to receive bible cards and tracts, and have conversations and prayers with a few people making commitments to Jesus on the Street. We have also found that the students and young people we meet are often very open to talking about Spiritual matters and collect the bible cards, even giving them to friends, teachers and pinning them up in their bedrooms. There are reports across the world of God awakening this generation, and there are signs that this is also the case here.

We continue to work with our partner churches reaching out to Oaktree estate which continues to grow, with people coming to know Jesus. Jeanette and the team have continued developing a Biglife group mixed with craft called Rooted. There is the making of a tiny church plant beginning. There have been discussions with the local council about opening a community hub on the estate where a community of Hope (church) could be based.

Looking forward: An encouragement to press on.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us." - Ephesians 3:20

Last year I had the privilege of going to India on a learning experience with Biglife Europe to learn from a disciple-making movement that has exceeded 500,000 new Christians from mainly Muslim and Hindu backgrounds. This was spread over several countries and into around 45,000 small networked churches.

It was an extremely humbling and transformative experience not just to see firsthand the work of God in another culture, but to be alongside Christians who experience life and faith in a very different way, and who suffer for the Gospel, yet have a great joy that overflows from them. They find that the cost of following Jesus does not disappoint but rather grows a faith expectation that God will do immeasurably more in alignment with the promises of His word. The Lord showed me the poverty of my own walk with Jesus, but at the same time encouraged me to seek Him for Immeasurably more in fasting and prayer, in bold witness, and in faith that He will.

We don't need to go to another Culture to experience God's immeasurably more as God's word is for all of his people in every place and in every time. As we look back and thank God for all he has done over this last year, we have had a taste of His immeasurably more. ***But let us continue to look up to Him who can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, May our prayers for others, our families, and our service of God in the work of the Gospel be bold and soaked in the faith in Him who will continue to do immeasurably more through you.***

Much love to you all
Mark and Jane

05-6

Church Administrator

Reflecting on this past year, I am reminded of the profound wisdom in Jeremiah 17:7-8, which speaks of the blessings that come from trusting in the Lord: "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."



As your church administrator, I have seen firsthand how trusting in the Lord has brought strength and guidance to my work. Much like a tree planted by the water, this trust has allowed me to grow, ensuring that my efforts are fruitful and grounded in faith.

Spending time with God each morning has been a cornerstone of this trust. These moments of prayer and reflection have not only centered my heart but also equipped me with the clarity and peace needed to tackle the day's tasks.



Reflecting on the jobs completed this year, I trust the welcome pack has been a valuable resource for newcomers to our church. The website is still a work in progress, but I am confident it will be worth the wait despite some setbacks. Please bear with us as we complete this important project.

Neil and I have been diligently working on updating ChurchSuite, our church database, to better reflect our current status. Once completed, we plan to utilise it more effectively to streamline administrative tasks and improve our operations.

I am now the main admin for the Facebook group, as Sam has gone on maternity leave. I want to express my gratitude to Sam for all she did in managing the group. It's lovely to see people engaging in the group. If you haven't already joined, I encourage you to do so.



There are morning reflections, including Monday Mindset and Testimonial Tuesdays. I am always eager to receive testimonials, whether in written or video form, or if you prefer to share live during an interview. These testimonials provide a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude to God, encourage one another, and support those who may be silently exploring their spiritual journey. Your ideas for improvement are also invaluable and warmly welcomed!

A special thank you to Clive for managing the phones in my absence; your help is greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to Neil for his ongoing support as my line manager. Although he will no longer be our treasurer, I am blessed he has agreed to continue as my line manager!

THANK
YOU!



For those who don't know, my working hours are Tuesday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm, mainly in the church office.

However, on Thursdays, I work from home to prepare the weekly newsletter.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their support. I feel truly blessed to serve you all and to witness the many ways God is at work in our church community.

Women's Ministry

This is separate from my role as your administrator.

I've felt a calling to establish a women's ministry at our church for many years

After much prayer and contemplation, I'm excited to partner with Jeanette to lead this ministry together. We are eager to create a welcoming space where women from all walks of life can gather. Rooted in Christ, it's a place for sharing, supporting, and growing together, reflecting the love of Christ in our interactions. We envision it as a place where you can bring your friends, regardless of their beliefs, to experience genuine connection and support infused with Christ's love. Your prayers and support are invaluable as we prepare for the launch in September and more details will be shared in the newsletter, but we anticipate it to be a significant event that will shape the future of this ministry.

God Bless
Cathy

07-8 CHILDREN, FAMILIES & YOUTH

*Come near to God
and he will come near to you.
James 4v8
(NIV)*

We have been blessed with rapid growth within all the children, families and youth areas this year. It has been wonderful to welcome so many new families and youth. The strong foundations which had already been established in our groups and good systems have meant we have been able to concentrate on RELATIONSHIPS in 2023/24. Most of all encouraging the children and youth in their personal relationship with God but also building relationships between each other and the church family. Within all our groups we spend time helping everyone connect and deepen their relationship with God.

Our All Age Service and lunch once a month has given us the opportunity to spent time getting to know new families and make new friends within the church family. I would encourage anyone who hasn't been to these to come along and invest some time in getting to know others.

In continuing to build these relationships, I have met with many mums for coffee and I am always blessed to learn of the great things God is doing in their lives. If you haven't had coffee with me yet and you'd like to, please get in touch!



The introduction of worship time in Seedlings and Rise last year is now an amazing expression of praise to God. We delight in seeing the children singing praises to God with such joy and freedom.

On Sunday mornings, having larger numbers in all the groups has made for lively discussions. A central part of our sessions is making space for reading the word of God and encouraging the children and youth to connect with God personally. There are moments when we see them come alive with excitement as they experience the almighty love and power of God.

The younger children have been sharing Jesus at school and in the playground. We have seen the youth grapple with big themes and explore their own faith both on Sundays and at MBC Youth on Tuesday evenings.



Our weekly youth group has been running for almost a year now, and we have seen the relationships between the youths and with the helpers flourish. The youth have even started to invite others to attend MBC youth night, and we have steadily grown to a group of 18 youth, most of whom attend regularly.



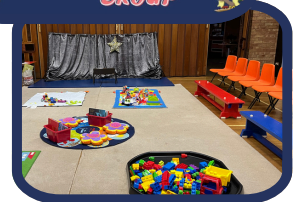
As well as the time spent delving into the scripture each week, we have all engaged in lots of crazy, messy activities and games. In particular, standing in custard, a recycling fashion show, an alternative Easter egg hunt, and even feeding each other with extremely long spoons.



All of these activities have links to the Bible, we promise!



First Steps continues to be busy each week. We take every opportunity to share Gods love with the children and parents/carers, which can include spending time listening to them, praying with them and keeping in touch during the week. When joining this group, each family receives a welcome envelope which includes 'My very first Bible stories' book. This term we have been making crafts which link to each story. We have once again been blessed with funds from a council grant which has meant we have continued to only charge £1.



It has been lovely to have some of our families join us on Sunday mornings and at our Get Set Together events which have included termly Saturday morning fun for all the family, including a lively, interactive service and appearances from our singing puppets.

Jenny and I have continued building relationships with a group of parents/carers who previously attended toddler group by meeting up for coffee once a term.



All of the groups and events would not have been possible without the help of loads of people from the church. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the people who serve so faithfully in the children, families and youth ministry. Thank you for making every event and group run so smoothly. I am equally grateful to all the new helpers who have joined this year, and to those who have stepped down after many faithful years of service. With the numbers growing I am always looking for new helpers so please come and have a chat if you can help.



Please continue to keep all our children, youth, families and the team in your prayers.

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to breaking bread and the prayers.
Acts 2v 42
(ESV)*



09-10

Worship

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvellous things,..... Isaiah 25 v 1 NIV

What stands out or speaks to you in the picture the most, the people, the Cross, or the sky, or do you see the whole picture?



We all see things differently and God loves each one of us equally and for who we are. He knows each one of us and loves us all.

How amazing is that, He hears each one of our cries, or prayers and our songs of Praise and Worship when we come to him through his son the Lord Jesus Christ I love being involved in worship and I am so thankful for all the prayers and support we have in such a wonderful church, and I am so thankful too for the wonderful people who I am blessed to be working with in the team.

The team I am talking about is both worship and tech, we are one team together in worship and praise. Over the past year the team have grown stronger and stronger together facing different challenges, but having the same goal to worship and praise Jesus ourselves, and lead the church to praise Jesus and enter into worship.

In my last report I talked about developing the team to have more of an all age dynamic to it and again I am thankful for all the young people who are now playing with us in worship and bringing their talents to Jesus.. and the team and myself love welcoming all the new members that have joined us over the past few months.

VISION FOR THE COMING YEAR

The All age worship to be developing further in a new and exciting way giving further opportunities.



The Tech team- this area is vital and we really do need more people to help here as the people who are working in this area are really doing a lot and need more support, so they also can have time to be just in the presence of God for themselves. Training for this work can be arranged for anyone who is interested, so please contact myself Mark or those in the tech area. Please pray more people will come along and help and support this work. Please do not think age is a barrier, all are welcome.

We also want to thank Sam and Lee, Colin for all the time they gave, and the hard work they have done over the past few years, and we also ask for prayer for Sam and Lee as they begin a new journey as parents and for Colin and Jenny as they settle into a new church and wait for Jenny's operation.



Before lockdown we tried to launch a 6 weekly event for the worship team and tech team to get together to pray and worship called 'Refresh and blessing' - lockdown came and that ended that vision. Since then there has been a series of events that again has stopped this vision, so I ask you to pray for the team that we have the opportunity this Autumn /Winter for this to be able to go ahead.

It will be called 'Unity'- it will be for all ages and will have the same aims- Prayer, worship, teaching, sitting in the presence of God and being blessed - and also other times of just fun, food and team building activities.

If anyone feels they want to be involved with this work .. please do not hesitate and have a chat with me.

Thanks Jane

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Study Groups

My report this year is a rather mixed one.

First, I need to let everyone know that I shall no longer be responsible for heading up or choosing the materials for Advent & Lent studies or life groups. My continued work as a Deacon takes up more time now and I feel I should concentrate on that work and the time to do it well all year round.

I have found over this last year that attendance at Advent and Lent study sessions has been static at best and poor at least. Despite the growth in number of our Church attendance, this has not transferred into sharing together at Advent, Lent or Life groups for some reason.

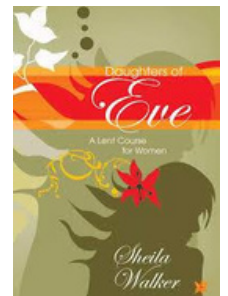


The Advent Circle Discussions held in December 2023 were very simple and were focused on small table fellowship.

We focused on THE WAITING, TRUSTING GOD'S TIMING, THE POWER OF PEACE AND EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US.

This year, rather than looking at that journey or ourselves, we used 'The Daughters of Eve' guide to make the studies a Church Family exercise.

The sessions focused on the different ages of women and the stages in life:
*Discovery, *Choosing, *Responsibility, *Stocktaking, *Wisdom, *From the cradle to the Grave.



The out-of-date ideas in the material itself provided lots of conversation and we learned a lot about our different lives.

We reminded ourselves of the importance of the women in Jesus' life and ministry and especially those who were with Him near the cross, at the tomb and on that glorious resurrection day!

We were reminded of the characteristics of a woman of God from Proverbs 31. The challenges for us were to Discover God, to Choose to Obey Him, to be a Responsible woman of God, to Evaluate our spiritual growth, to Grow in wisdom and to keep hold of our faith to the end of this life. A very different Lent course, admittedly – but it showed us just how little we know about the women in our Church family at MBC.

There are no new life groups formed to inform you of – apart from those beginning at the Oak Tree Ministry. Please pray God's blessing on these small groups as they seek God.

Elizabeth Cooper

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Pastoral



Pastoral Care is an important part of the life of our Church.

We are all called to care for one another but in a large, diverse, and growing fellowship, need can sometimes go unnoticed.

The Pastoral Care Team meet at least four times a year to discuss how we can ensure that such need is met.

We are aware that not all members of our fellowship can attend our services and meetings, so we endeavour to ensure that regular contact is made. This is partly enacted by the distribution of bags at various times of the year (Easter, Harvest and Advent). The bags contain items such as a small gift, a card from children at our Church and Bible reflections. They are much appreciated but more importantly allow us to meet and 'catch –up 'with members of our fellowship.



Mark, as our Pastor attends our meetings and is very much involved with pastoral care but cannot answer all requests for care alone. Pastoral care is very much part of the whole church.

We are grateful to all who have distributed the bags at different times of the year and have got to know those they have visited.

We would welcome any new volunteers who feel drawn to this important aspect of Church life.

We give thanks for the recovery of Dorcas who has led the team.

Blessings, the Pastoral Care Team.



13

Updates from Jeanette (Our CYM Student)

Rooted

After a short break, we have started meeting again. We meet each Friday during term time only, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Oaktree Leisure Centre in Mansfield. The first hour of the session is dedicated to different arts and crafts each week, focusing on building relationships and trust among the attendees. This aspect of our group has gone from strength to strength, with increasing numbers and growing connections between the attendees and the church.



For the second half of our time together, we engage in a short Bible study based on the Big Life Discipleship format. This has been very effective in guiding people into a relationship with Jesus and helping them understand the importance of obedience and how it impacts their lives. It's encouraging to see attendees taking ownership of their group, blossoming in their self-worth and value, and treating each other with kindness, which serves as a wonderful testament to their growth.

We also receive Holy Communion together once per month, and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Women's Home Group

We meet on Wednesday evenings during term time only. We are a small group of ladies who gather each week, and we have welcomed a few new members recently.



We are currently doing a Bible study based on The Chosen series, which has been very good and has created lots of discussions around what we have learned. We also engage in various creative prayer events and encourage each other to lead the sessions each week. It's wonderful to see how each of us loves and supports one another, journeying with the Lord and each other, building solid foundations that equip us to be disciples of Jesus.

This group is also a great support for each other in our everyday lives.

14

Bags of Hope & Blessing Bags

The bags of hope, thankfully, have been needed less this year but have mainly been given to young mums without immediate family who are struggling. Thanks to those who contribute to this on a regular basis.

The blessing bags have continued to bless people who turn up at church needing a little help. Like the gentleman who we prayed for, who had his daughter for contact and little food. He was able to take her to the fair, making the contact weekend a special one.



We take 24 bags to Street Church weekly with a few things in to bless them, with the pasta sachets and pot noodles being popular for a quick meal. We thank the members who put food in the cupboard on a regular basis, which is a huge help, providing meat or fish at least once a month in the bags.

This is open at the moment for someone to take over for at least four months while I recover from my hip operation.

Love from Elaine xx



Thanking God for His provision and endless love so we can share that love freely with others.

1 John 4:19

15 BMS Church Partners

Claire Bedford. Claire has been our missionary partner since 2015. Most of Claire's time recently has been taken up with management responsibilities.

Claire is grateful for a new BMS mission worker colleague. Lucia who arrived mid-January and has settled in well. Lucia is working with the administration team on all things finance and projects. It's a task she is well trained for. Claire is now able to hand over some of the management work to Lucia, allowing Claire to focus more on training the pharmacy staff, and the management tasks that are still hers to do.

Chad is currently going through the process of electing a new president, with the result expected to be announced towards the end of June. Election periods in Chad tend to be times of unrest, which may develop into rioting. Claire asks for prayer during this time, prayer for safety and wellbeing for hospital staff, missionaries and nationals, especially for those who travel to and from work early morning or late at night, and for safety for patients and staff attending the hospital premises.

There is the possibility of a visit from Claire during October this year. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the BMS admin team as they work out Claire's itinerary and make difficult decisions regarding her visits.

Benjamin and Gillian Francis. Ben and Gill Francis work in India. They are greatly privileged that with the Biglife Disciple Making Movement they have been able to shine the light of Jesus to thousands of people across South Asia. They have shown people the hope and joy that is found only in Jesus and many have been brought to faith in Christ.

After the Christmas outreaches 100s of new groups have started as people have shown great interest in knowing and learning about Christ. Many people have received Christ and want to learn more about Him. A Hindu priest heard the Gospel for the first time, responded in faith and was gifted a Bible. Bibles were distributed and the Gospel was shared right in the midst of the Hindu festival celebrations. The response was great and many people showed an interest to know more about the Lord Jesus.

Ben asks prayer for the training of another 10,000 leaders during 2024, to reach another 500,000 souls by the end of 2024, and to withstand persecution with faith, courage and a commitment to move forward.

There is the possibility of a visit from Benjamin, late June or early July. As with Claire above, please pray with the BMS admin team as they work on Ben's itinerary.

Philip and Rose Lotimong. Philip Lotimong is Senior Pastor of Heart of Love Ministries, Mbale, Uganda. He heads a team who visit unreached villages with the Gospel, seeing many miracles as they plant churches in these needy areas. Philip worked alongside me (David Ardron) for many years as I presented the Bible based Equip Leadership teaching in village churches in various parts of Uganda, taking over the work from me in February 2020. He is now taking the teaching further, building on the work we did together and taking it to remote areas. Philip is also receiving invitations to speak on Leadership at conferences and teach staff at Christian organisations.

Please pray for Philip and the Leadership Team at Heart of Love Ministries, that they may remain true to God's calling, and for wisdom as they consider invitations. Pray for safety as they travel around.

Philip and Rose may be visiting the UK in May next year. Please pray for God's guidance and provision as we plan. **David Ardron**

16

Recovery

The Recovery programme is for anyone and everyone. It is powerful for healing, gaining greater freedom and developing a closer relationship with God.

God is at the centre of all that happens and, as He knows us intimately, the Recovery team is totally reliant on what He is wanting to do with each person. An atmosphere is created where confidentiality, a non-judgemental attitude and unconditional love are important. It's an environment where respect for each other and their views is essential, making a safe place where people feel able to share and where leaders listen, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We let God be God, creating a place for His loving, healing purposes.

An adapted, Christian-based Twelve Steps programme is used and, in addition, 1:1 Deeper Prayer. Positive benefits from Recovery are:

- Healing and freedom from past hurts, habits and traumas.
- Improving mental health by reducing feelings of anxiety, inferiority and by developing feelings of worthiness.
- Learning how to forgive, bringing positive changes in relationships, and coming to some realisation where we may have caused hurts in others.
- Developing Godly ways of dealing with situations – responses rather than reactions.
- Developing more self-understanding and awareness of others' needs.
- Gaining a greater understanding of the depth of God's love and care for us, receiving His love and developing a closer, deeper relationship with Him.
- Helping us to be more open to God and His ways, relying on Him more, letting Him be more and more present in our lives.

Bron



17

Renew Wellbeing

It is now five years since Renew Wellbeing was introduced to our Church by Derek and Brenda Rumbol. We continue to meet on Thursday mornings from 10,00am until 1.30 pm.

Our Renew Space remains a place where it is 'OK to be not OK'. The number of attendees varies from week to week but is usually over twenty and sometimes over thirty with many who attend regularly. Recently we have been pleased to welcome more guests from Woodleigh Nursing Home.



A variety of activities are available, including, board games, jigsaw puzzles, puzzle books and colouring books. Sharon Baker has joined us as a helper and added Origami as a new craft. Those who come to Renew enjoy the relaxed atmosphere, appreciating both quiet times and conversation. A prayer space is available for peaceful reflection.

Tea and coffee are available throughout the morning with a meal at midday. Before the meal a time of prayer is held in the lounge based on the Lord's Prayer, this is voluntary but well attended and appreciated.

The helpers meet for prayer prior to the start of Renew, using the first five verses of Psalm 103. There is also consideration of a Psalm each week with thoughts provided by Ruth Rice, the founder of Renew. This year we have restarted from Psalm 1 in January.



Quiet shared
spaces
where it's OK
not to be OK

We give thanks that so many find Renew a highlight of their week. We are grateful to Sue Kemp and her team who regularly provide an excellent meal and remain indebted to Derek and Brenda for their vision in bringing Renew to Mansfield Baptist Church.

The Renew Team

18

Feeding with the Word Men's Breakfast

What a truly spirit-filled year we have had—a special time of men sharing **fellowship, scripture, testimonies, and breakfast.**

Numbers have been fairly consistent, with around 17 people attending our monthly meetings on average.

This year we have shared so much together. It has been remarkable to see the young and old, the mature and spiritually growing, being led in the word of Jesus, debating scripture, and asking questions confidently amongst each other, knowing that we are all learning along our journey in Christ.

Our Lent course was a first, where we met weekly instead of monthly in the lead-up to this huge time of celebration in our Christian calendar. This was very successful. Thank you to Neil for his preparation and delivery of the scriptures and questions for thought and debate.



Richard and Ted have often stepped forward to share their thoughts and topics for discussion. Craig R has been working hard in the kitchen, serving everyone with drinks, preparing, cooking, and cleaning up afterwards along with the support of Sue. Bacon, eggs, sausages, cereals, teas, coffees, juices, and even the occasional pastries.

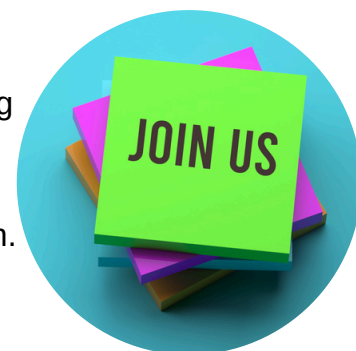
We are blessed with many visitors attending from other churches, which further enriches our discussions and gives us the benefit of other views to share together. Hopefully, we will continue to grow over the next year. We would really welcome more men, especially from within our own church.

For those who can't attend, we would welcome your prayers, especially around men growing in their love of Jesus and fellowship together.

For further details, pick up a leaflet in the church entrance area, contact Tim Cooper, or see the dates in the weekly newsletter. We meet at 9:00 AM on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the main hall. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. We also have a WhatsApp group, "**Brothers in Belief,**" where we share ministry and scripture together along with support and even humour.

Please do come and grow together as brothers sharing in the love of Jesus. Amen.

Tim



Proverbs 27:17 – As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another

19

Young Adults Fellowship

We usually meet once a month. Not much to report this year as we only had one meeting in November with six new adults participating.

On 31st May, we will all be together again, which is good news. Usually, when everyone comes, there are about 15 or 16 people.

If you are aged 18 -40, we would love you to join us. Please speak to Corina for more details



Romanian Group



We didn't meet in the winter, but we usually meet every Saturday at 7:00 PM on Zoom for Bible study with Lurie.

We started meeting again in April. In May and June, we will all meet on the 16th for Father's Day at 4:00 PM. We have three new families, which is good. Usually, we have worship time, Bible study, games, and a cake and a cup of tea.

Thank you 😊
Blessings
Corina

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- Jeremiah 29:11





MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

31ST MARCH 2024

- **Introduction**

The information in these accounts have been transferred from ‘Finance Co-Ordinator’ and reconciled with bank statements. The accounts were examined by Mr P Henderson on 30th May 2024 as per the attached statement.

They have been approved by the Church at the Annual General Meeting on 12th June 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	117,894	3,413	—	121,307	144,629
Incoming resources from charitable activities	—	205	—	205	789
Other incoming resources	19,286	—	—	19,286	8,842
Total income	137,180	3,618	—	140,799	154,261
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Cost of generating voluntary income	6,829	2,086	—	8,916	39,073
Charitable activities	131,812	9,814	—	141,626	136,907
Other resources used	—	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure	138,641	11,901	—	150,542	175,980
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(1,460)	(8,282)	—	(9,743)	(21,718)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	238,763	—	238,763	711,852
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(1,460)	230,480	—	229,019	690,133
Total funds brought forward	82,541	5,774,994	—	5,857,536	5,167,402
Total funds carried forward	81,080	6,005,474	—	6,086,555	5,857,536
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	71,056	—	—	71,056	74,934
Designated					
Chhahari Nepal	50	—	—	50	50
Children Family & Youth	(5,580)	—	—	(5,580)	(6,302)
Light House	112	—	—	112	112
Mission	(8,520)	—	—	(8,520)	(5,621)
Parish Nurse	0	—	—	0	0
Property development	17,804	—	—	17,804	13,207
Sue Personal	269	—	—	269	269
TODDLERS	115	—	—	115	115
Youth Worker	5,777	—	—	5,777	5,777
Restricted					
BMS Birthday Fund	—	225	—	225	0

BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—
BUGB Home Mission Fund	—	—	—	—
Chhahari Nepal	—	(50)	—	(49)
Children Family & Youth	—	(758)	—	(758)
Fellowship Fund	—	(5,994)	—	(5,994)
First Steps	—	—	—	—
Fixed Assets	—	6,040,540	—	6,040,540
Foodbank	—	0	—	0
Homeless	—	1,317	—	1,317
INF	—	0	—	0
Light House	—	(112)	—	(112)
Minister in Training	—	0	—	0
Mission	—	0	—	0
Own A/C Baby Talk	—	—	—	—
Own A/C Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—
Own A/C Family Fun Night	—	(74)	—	(74)
Own A/C Little Explorers	—	176	—	1,363
Own A/C Ministers Fellowship	—	1,423	—	1,464
Own A/C Toddlers	—	(56)	—	48
Own A/C Vintage Club	—	—	—	—
Own A/C Welcome Break	—	64	—	64
Power Pack	—	—	—	—
Preg. Crisis	—	0	—	0
Property development	—	(25,184)	—	(25,184)
Shine	—	0	—	0
Sue Personal	—	(268)	—	(268)
TODDLERS	—	(114)	—	(114)
Uganda Fund	—	116	—	116
Welcome Break	—	0	—	0
Youth Worker	—	(5,776)	—	(5,776)

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
FA001	Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	4,655,878	4,542,356
FA002	Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	234,213	228,502
FA003	Pipe Organ in Church	610,369	595,487
FA004	Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	302,030	255,432
FA005	2nd Property, 19 Tattershall Walk	238,050	180,000
	Total Fixed assets	6,040,540	5,801,777
Current assets			
CA001	Bank current account	43,458	52,267
CA002	Deposit account	—	—
CA003	Bond 9mths	—	—
CA004	COIF accounts	1,104	1,053
CA005	Petty Cash	—	—
CA006	Minister,s Community A/C	1,423	1,464
CA007	Toddler,s Own A/C	27	48
CA008	Vintage Club A/c	—	—
CA009	Welcome Break Own A/C	—	(64)
CA010	Coffee Shop A/c	—	—
CA011	Power Pack Own A/C	—	19
CA012	Holiday Drop-in A/C	—	34
CA013	Youth Drop-in A/C	—	934
CA014	Baby Talk A/C	—	—
	Total Current assets	46,015	55,759
Liabilities			
LIA001	Underpaid Electricity	—	—

LIA002	Unpaid specified funds	—	—
LIA003	Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	—
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	6,086,555	5,857,536
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(9,743)	—
Z01	Starting balances	5,857,536	5,145,684
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	238,763	711,852
Z03	Gains and losses own use	—	—
	Total Reserves	6,086,555	5,857,536
Represented by funds			
	Unrestricted	71,056	74,934
	Designated	10,024	7,606
	Restricted	6,005,474	5,774,994
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	6,086,555	5,857,536

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	—	—	4,655,878	—	4,655,878	4,542,356
Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	—	—	234,213	—	234,213	228,502
Pipe Organ in Church	—	—	610,369	—	610,369	595,487
Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	—	—	302,030	—	302,030	255,432
2nd Property, 19 Tattershall Walk	—	—	238,050	—	238,050	180,000
Totals	—	—	6,040,540	—	6,040,540	5,801,777
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account	70,056	10,024	(36,621)	—	43,458	52,267
Totals	69,951	10,024	(35,065)	—	44,910	54,705
Current assets - Investments						
Deposit account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bond 9mths	—	—	—	—	—	—
COIF accounts	1,104	—	—	—	1,104	1,053
Totals	1,104	—	—	—	1,104	1,053
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Petty Cash	(500)	—	500	—	—	—
Minister,s Community A/C	—	—	1,423	—	1,423	1,464
Toddler,s Own A/C	344	—	(316)	—	27	48
Vintage Club A/c	—	—	—	—	—	—
Welcome Break Own A/C	—	—	—	—	—	(64)
Coffee Shop A/c	—	—	—	—	—	—
Power Pack Own A/C	—	—	—	—	—	19
Holiday Drop-in A/C	10	—	(10)	—	—	34
Youth Drop-in A/C	41	—	(41)	—	—	934
Baby Talk A/C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	69,951	10,024	(35,065)	—	44,910	54,705
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Underpaid Electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unpaid specified funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	71,056	10,024	6,005,474	—	6,086,555	5,857,536

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
BF - BMS Birthday Fund						
Restricted	0	224	—	—	—	225
Sub-total for BF	0	224	—	—	—	225
BMS - BMS World Mission						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BMS	—	—	—	—	—	—
BT - Own A/C Baby Talk						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BT	—	—	—	—	—	—
CS - Own A/C Coffee Shop						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for CS	—	—	—	—	—	—
FA - Fixed Assets						
Restricted	5,801,777	—	—	—	238,763	6,040,540
Sub-total for FA	5,801,777	—	—	—	238,763	6,040,540
FB - Foodbank						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for FB	0	—	—	—	—	0
FF - Fellowship Fund						
Restricted	(5,648)	—	345	—	—	(5,994)
Sub-total for FF	(5,648)	—	345	—	—	(5,994)
FFN - Own A/C Family Fun N						
Restricted	(40)	—	34	—	—	(74)
Sub-total for FFN	(40)	—	34	—	—	(74)
FS - First Steps						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for FS	—	—	—	—	—	—
FW - Children Family & Yo						
Designated	(6,302)	11,969	11,247	—	—	(5,580)
Restricted	(758)	—	—	—	—	(758)
Sub-total for FW	(7,060)	11,969	11,247	—	—	(6,339)
HMF - BUGB Home Mission Fu						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HMF	—	—	—	—	—	—
INF - INF						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for INF	0	—	—	—	—	0
LE - Own A/C Little Explo						
Restricted	1,363	141	1,328	—	—	176
Sub-total for LE	1,363	141	1,328	—	—	176
LH - Light House						
Designated	112	—	—	—	—	112
Restricted	(112)	—	—	—	—	(112)
Sub-total for LH	0	—	—	—	—	0
MCA - Own A/C Ministers Fe						
Restricted	1,464	640	681	—	—	1,423
Sub-total for MCA	1,464	640	681	—	—	1,423
MIT - Minister in Training						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for MIT	0	—	—	—	—	0
Miss - Mission						

Designated	(5,621)	150	3,049	—	—	(8,520)
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for Miss	(5,620)	150	3,049	—	—	(8,520)
PC - Preg. Crisis						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for PC	0	—	—	—	—	0
PD - Property development						
Designated	13,207	4,596	—	—	—	17,804
Restricted	(17,678)	—	7,505	—	—	(25,184)
Sub-total for PD	(4,470)	4,596	7,505	—	—	(7,380)
PN - Parish Nurse						
Designated	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for PN	0	—	—	—	—	0
PP - Power Pack						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PP	—	—	—	—	—	—
SHI - Shine						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for SHI	0	—	—	—	—	0
SP - Sue Personal						
Designated	269	—	—	—	—	269
Restricted	(268)	—	—	—	—	(268)
Sub-total for SP	0	—	—	—	—	0
SS - Chhahari Nepal						
Designated	50	—	—	—	—	50
Restricted	(49)	160	160	—	—	(50)
Sub-total for SS	0	160	160	—	—	—
TOA - Own A/C Toddlers						
Restricted	48	—	104	—	—	(56)
Sub-total for TOA	48	—	104	—	—	(56)
UG - Uganda Fund						
Restricted	(32)	1,848	1,700	—	—	116
Sub-total for UG	(32)	1,848	1,700	—	—	116
VC - Own A/C Vintage Club						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for VC	—	—	—	—	—	—
WB - Welcome Break						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for WB	0	—	—	—	—	0
WBO - Own A/C Welcome Brea						
Restricted	—	64	—	—	—	64
Sub-total for WBO	—	64	—	—	—	64
WS - Homeless						
Restricted	818	540	41	—	—	1,317
Sub-total for WS	818	540	41	—	—	1,317
YW - Youth Worker						
Designated	5,777	—	—	—	—	5,777
Restricted	(5,776)	—	—	—	—	(5,776)
Sub-total for YW	0	—	—	—	—	0
td - TODDLERS						
Designated	115	—	—	—	—	115
Restricted	(114)	—	—	—	—	(114)
Sub-total for td	0	—	—	—	—	0
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	74,934	120,465	124,343	—	—	71,056
Sub-total for General	74,934	120,465	124,343	—	—	71,056
Grand total	5,857,536	140,799	150,542	—	238,763	6,086,555

Analysis of income and expenditure

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
IN001 - Gift Aid	47,311	—	—	—	47,311	48,182
IN002 - Collections	31,673	—	—	—	31,673	27,276
IN003 - Donations - Unr	1,246	—	—	—	1,246	25,039
IN005 - INF	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN006 - Sundries	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN007 - Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN008 - Property Development	—	4,596	—	—	4,596	—
IN009 - BMS Birthday	—	—	224	—	224	650
IN010 - BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN011 - BUGB Home Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN012 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	160	—	160	146
IN013 - Children, Families & Youth	—	11,854	—	—	11,854	10,122
IN016 - Mission & Outreach	—	150	—	—	150	280
IN019 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN021 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN022 - Tax Refunds	14,562	—	—	—	14,562	13,541
IN023 - Sue Personal	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN026 - Minister's Community	—	—	640	—	640	2,145
IN033 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN035 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN036 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN037 - Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN038 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN040 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN042 - Conferences	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN044 - Donations - Des	2,154	—	—	—	2,154	3,983
IN045 - Donations - Res	4,053	—	—	—	4,053	2,776
IN046 - Church Services	144	—	—	—	144	—
IN050 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN051 - Homeless	—	—	540	—	540	610
IN052 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN053 - Fellowship Fund	—	—	—	—	—	1,245
IN054 - Church Maintenance	(25)	—	—	—	(25)	—
IN055 - Supply	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN056 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN057 - Manse Maintenance	(1,239)	—	—	—	(1,239)	(50)
IN058 - Expenses Income	136	—	—	—	136	2,809
IN059 - Donations - Photocopier	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN061 - Uganda Fund	—	—	1,848	—	1,848	3,105
IN062 - Children & Families Pastor - Resources	—	114	—	—	114	—
IN063 - 2nd Property	—	—	—	—	—	1,210
IN064 - Bags Of Hope	1,160	—	—	—	1,160	1,557
Total	101,178	16,715	3,413	—	121,307	144,629

Incoming resources from charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
IN014 - Light House	—	—	—	—	—	82
IN015 - Minister in Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN017 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN018 - Preg Crisis	—	—	—	—	—	—

IN020 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN024 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN025 - Toddlers Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN027 - Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN028 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	64	—	64	—
IN029 - Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN030 - Impact Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN031 - Family Fun Night	—	—	—	—	—	57
IN032 - 1st Steps	—	—	141	—	141	590
IN039 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN041 - Other Salaries Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN043 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN047 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN048 - Donations - Heat & Lighting	—	—	—	—	—	60
IN060 - NCC Supplies - Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN065 - Leprosy Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	205	—	205	789

Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
IN004 - Lettings	1,710	—	—	—	1,710	2,622
IN034 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN049 - Manse & 2nd Property Income	17,576	—	—	—	17,576	6,220
Total	19,286	—	—	—	19,286	8,842

INCOME TOTAL	120,465	16,715	3,618	—	140,799	154,261
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Cost of generating funds

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
EXP056 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP077 - Interim Minister	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP082 - Travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
EXP069 - Homeless	—	—	41	—	41	661
EXP070 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP072 - Nepal Earthquake	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP073 - Donations - Restricted	4,571	—	—	—	4,571	2,225
EXP074 - Fellowship Fund	600	—	345	—	945	1,681
EXP075 - Dishwasher	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP076 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP078 - Donations - Designated	355	—	—	—	355	909
EXP079 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—

EXP080 - Manse Allowances	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP081 - Maintenance Manse & 2nd Property	908	—	—	—	908	14,930
EXP084 - Uganda Fund	—	—	1,700	—	1,700	4,100
EXP085 - Manse Sale & Purchase	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP086 - 2nd Property	—	—	—	—	—	12,204
EXP088 - Bags Of Hope	393	—	—	—	393	2,361
Total	6,829	—	2,086	—	8,916	39,073

Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
EXP001 - Stipend & Salaries	34,938	—	—	—	34,938	32,665
EXP002 - HMRC	6,253	—	—	—	6,253	5,279
EXP003 - BMPF	8,411	—	—	—	8,411	9,004
EXP004 - Team Expenses & Resources	3,380	—	—	—	3,380	4,656
EXP005 - Supply - Speakers	340	—	—	—	340	220
EXP006 - Manse Allowance	11,808	—	—	—	11,808	9,612
EXP007 - Insurance Manse & 2nd Property	661	—	—	—	661	480
EXP008 - Manse Fuel	—	—	—	—	—	445
EXP009 - Manse Phone	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP010 - Church Insurance	4,288	—	—	—	4,288	4,188
EXP011 - Gas	1,434	—	—	—	1,434	882
EXP012 - Electricity	7,846	—	—	—	7,846	9,648
EXP013 - Cleaning & Kitchen Supplies	1,336	—	—	—	1,336	1,263
EXP014 - Church Maintenance	11,286	—	—	—	11,286	6,033
EXP015 - Music	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP016 - Junior Church	—	—	—	—	—	7
EXP017 - Subscriptions & Copyright	4,026	—	—	—	4,026	3,187
EXP018 - Conferences	215	—	—	—	215	465
EXP019 - Books	1,391	—	—	—	1,391	552
EXP020 - Publicity	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP021 - Youth Worker	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP022 - Administrator	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP023 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP024 - Phone and BB Church	1,389	—	—	—	1,389	1,281
EXP025 - Photocopier	1,753	—	—	—	1,753	1,811
EXP026 - Printing & Stationery	1,982	—	—	—	1,982	1,447
EXP027 - Sundries	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP028 - BMS Contributions	4,800	—	—	—	4,800	4,950
EXP029 - HMF Contributions	4,800	—	—	—	4,800	4,800
EXP030 - ICIS Gifts	2,400	—	—	—	2,400	2,400
EXP031 - INF Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP032 - Evangelical Alliance Gift	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP033 - Outreach Giving	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP034 - BMS Birthday	—	—	—	—	—	650
EXP035 - Youth Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP036 - Children, Families & Youth	—	11,247	—	—	11,247	18,721
EXP037 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP038 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	160	—	160	156
EXP039 - Property	—	—	7,505	—	7,505	4,471
EXP040 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP041 - Minister in training	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP042 - Light House	—	—	—	—	—	83
EXP043 - Mission	—	3,049	—	—	3,049	3,174
EXP044 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP045 - Sue Psnl	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP046 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP047 - Toddlers Own	21	—	—	—	21	—
EXP048 - Minister's Community	—	—	681	—	681	1,854

EXP049 - Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP050 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP051 - Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP052 - Impact Own	—	—	19	—	19	—
EXP053 - Family Fun Night	—	—	34	—	34	97
EXP054 - Little Explorers	—	—	1,414	—	1,414	160
EXP055 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP057 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP058 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP059 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP060 - BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP061 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP062 - Other Salaries	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP063 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP064 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP065 - Training	2,283	—	—	—	2,283	1,795
EXP066 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP067 - Church Services	464	—	—	—	464	459
EXP071 - Social Justice	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP083 - Development	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP089 - Leprosy Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP090 - Church Activities Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	117,514	14,297	9,814	—	141,626	136,907

Other resources used

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP087 - Slessor Insurance Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	124,343	14,297	11,901	—	150,542	175,980
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GRAND TOTAL	(3,878)	2,417	(8,282)	—	(9,743)	(21,718)
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• Conclusion

These are a fair and true record of the financial activities of Mansfield Baptist Church for the year commencing 1st April 2023 and ending 31st March 2024, kept by Neil Meadows, Church Treasurer.

This report dated: 11th June 2024

Signed *neil meadows*

MR NEIL MEADOWS



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1141724

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023. 2024 *P Henderson*

**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:

P Henderson

Date:

30/5/24.

Name:

PATRICK HENDERSON

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

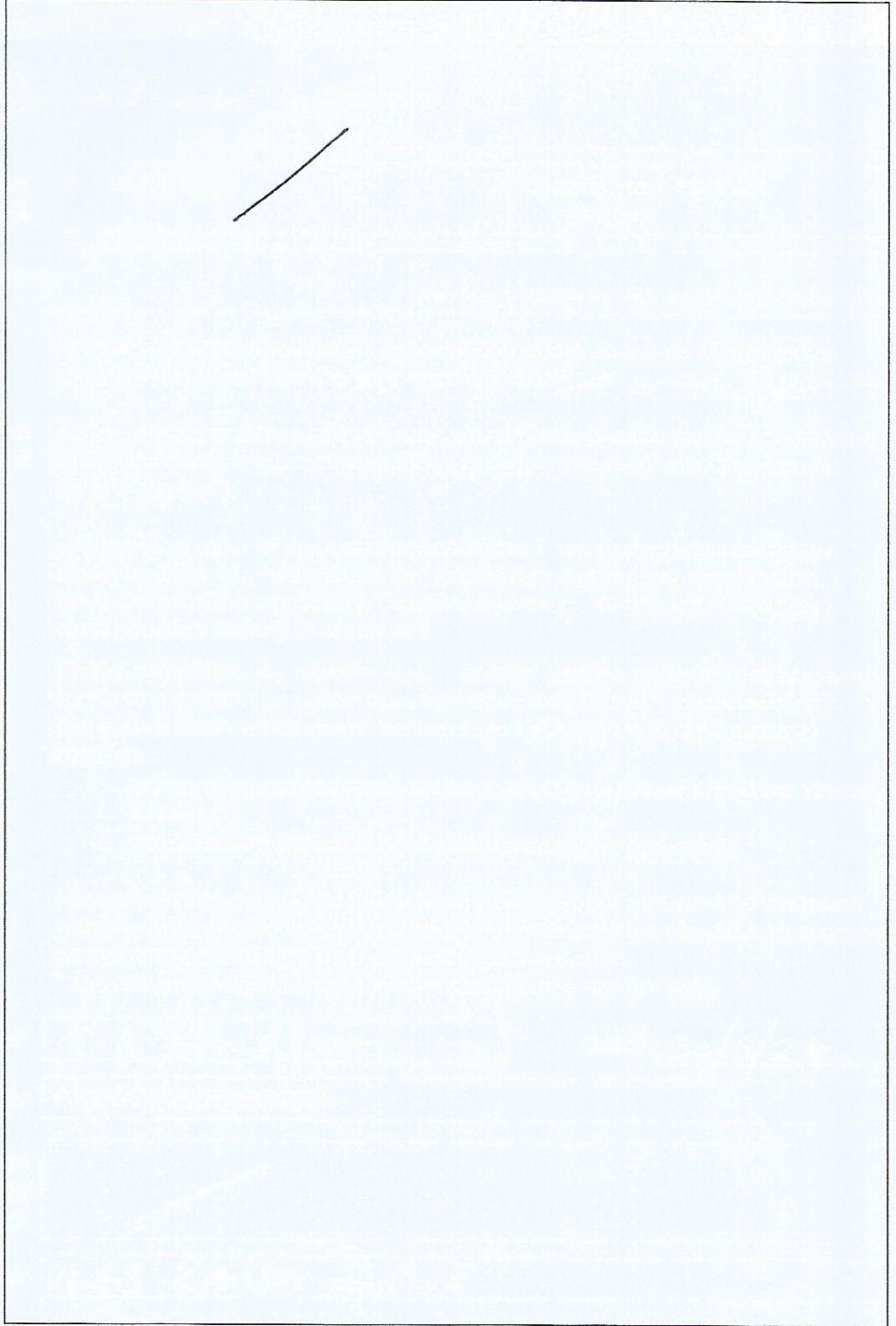
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1141724

Accounts



Mansfield
Baptist
Church



Testimonies of God's Activities amongst us



Church Annual Report 2023

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God in His genius created this world and established the seasons.

The beauty of Autumn as the plants and trees in an amazing display of autumnal colors prepare for the harshness of winter. The spring is when the sun arises and brings new life, restoration, freshness, and the certain hope that summer is on its way. And summer filled with celebration, holidays, and nature bursting with colour, life, and vitality I love them all! You can't beat walking in the lake district in the autumn, or taking in the sun on a beach in the summer. In a way, they all reflect that God works in all seasons and all have purpose and are part of life.



In a similar way, we have had all seasons in the life of our church this year. We have seen growth and change, mixed with loss and sadness, and experienced challenges and difficulties.

There have been some Sundays when I have been at the front of the church and have had a tiny glimpse of heaven as I see people of all ages, a diverse gathering of nationalities, and a mixture of established members and new people who have joined us plus a steady flow of visitors and people from all walks of life. There is much to celebrate and thank God for.

I just want to thank everyone who so faithfully serves and gives so much time love, care and support to MBC and those that are part of the church and those who we reach out to. Much of it unseen but without it we just couldn't do what we do.



This year has also been mixed with sadness as we have lost a number of members through bereavement, we continue to pray for and support our brothers and sisters as they grieve and adjust to new circumstances. We have also experienced some relational breakdown which has been painful for a number of people across the church and we are very sad that this has happened. We are praying and working towards reconciliation and understanding and have been reflecting very deeply on how things could have been different and the lessons to be learned. We remember we are a family first and foremost and are called to love, care, encourage, and also forgive and bear with one another's faults but also seek to change & address them so we continue to grow in Christ's likeness

The seasons ahead- Turning the Challenges into Fresh Opportunities

We have a number of matters that we need to address in the coming year that shape and affect our church's future and direction. We will be planning for church meetings where we can work together to shape our Vision and Values, make decisions and plan ahead. So, we ask for your support whether you are a member or not in contributing to the conversations. There are 3 important areas to focus on in this coming season:-

1. Growing into a stronger, healthier church



Deeper relationally: Supporting and loving one another, connecting **everyone together as a family** that is fun, joyful, full of celebration, welcoming, and helping new people to belong. We will need to be strengthening our pastoral systems to include those who can't attend our gatherings, support one another when the needs arise, and continue to grow our openness and unity together.

HABITS

Deeper in discipleship: We have started a number of ways to help us to do this with a series of teaching on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and also the All Age themes of **Holy Habits** which we will be teaching but also thinking of practical ways to help us all adopt these good habits into our church community life and as individuals, that also practically enable growth towards spiritual maturity and powerful life change and healing. We would like to continue to grow small groups where relationships, care, and discipleship can grow deeper.



Clearer about our Vision and Values: For the whole church and for every ministry where every person grows and flourishes and is enabled to serve. Jesus has given us everything we need to be the church. He calls us to be centered on Him, His word, and upon people. So our core activities flowing from our Love of God, our worship, prayer, and obedience to His word are to: **care for people of all ages, disciple and help everyone to grow to maturity and discover their calling and gifts, and Mission with All Ages, both inside and outside of the church.**

We at MBC as part of the church of Jesus Christ and with His people all over the world are designed to be world-transforming agents of the kingdom of God. It's a call where everyone has a part to play, gifts to use and serve with. We encourage everyone to serve and be involved in these tasks.

2. Ongoing uncertainty - Our church has been blessed and shielded from the impact of rising energy costs so far, but in June 2024 this agreement will end and we will be facing large increases in costs, that cannot be ignored as doing nothing will mean by mid-2025 we will be at crisis point.



We need to prepare and plan for that time so that our church can continue to **fulfill its ministry and mission in our community and further afield remaining a sign, foretaste and instrument of Jesus' Kingdom.** We are asking you to join the leadership in a process to make plans that should the cost of energy remain at similar levels that we have now. There are 3 key areas in which with prayer and fasting we need your help to discern a way forward to agree on a clear plan we can implement should the need arise.

Financial: We will work on producing a detailed cost of usage of different rooms and events, to develop models for different use so we can make clear decisions, while maintaining our vision and responsibility to continue to serve this community, and sharing the Gospel, and our community life together.

Structural: This could involve changing the frequency of meetings at certain times of the year and how we use our building. We may also need to decide and make priorities for its use. We may even need to find different ways of being church at different times. Any plans must continue to work any changes out in a way that we remain a united body functioning together.

Ministry: What ministries will be priorities during winter months? And how will we run them, where will we run them? Will the impact of rising costs also mean we need to serve our community in new ways?



3. The Baptist Union conversation on Human sexuality:

The Baptist Union has asked all Baptist churches and its Ministers to complete a survey to express their views concerning same-sex marriage.

At the present time, the Baptist Union defines marriage as between a man and a woman only. We will be providing more details in the near future about why this conversation is happening now and releasing resources to enable you to understand the issues so you can express your views on the survey.

We will need to prayerfully plan well and not just hope for the best. These situations need God-sized solutions that will need us to deeply seek the Lord in prayer and fasting, but in all circumstances trust that God is sovereign, continue to look up with hope, and move in faith because He is for us and more than able to do more than we can possibly imagine. Jesus promised that he would build his church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us, and that we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us, He will work all things for good for those who are called according to his purpose, we can be sure he will complete the work in us he started. We are his much-loved sons and daughters to whom He is committ



Finally, I'm reminded of King David's words to Solomon his Son

David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished. 1 Chronicles 28:20.

The work of God building his temple is no longer in bricks and mortar but is now built of people. This will continue until the end of the age as Jesus affirmed in the words of the Great Commission in Matthew 28 and also promised that He would be with us until that time. I recently played a song in church that I found so encouraging, I encourage you to listen to it or google the words it's called Firm Foundation by Cody Carnes.

He sings

Christ is my firm foundation: The rock on which I stand: When everything around me is shaken: I've never been more glad: That I put my faith in Jesus: 'Cause He's never let me down: He's faithful through generations: So why would He fail now?: **He won't. He won't fail.**

I've still got joy in chaos: I've got the peace that makes no sense: I won't be going under: I'm not held by my own strength;' Cause I've built my life on Jesus: He's never let me down: He's faithful through every season

So why would He fail now? (Shout it out) **He won't! He won't fail**

Yours humbly in service of Jesus, you, and your family. With much love Mark and Jane

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Treasurer's Report

You will see a detailed presentation of our accounts at our AGM, after they have been checked by our auditor Patrick Henderson.

This year has seen us end the year with a 'general fund' surplus of £9,032.

Our general fund has increased in the last 12 months from £31,436 to £40,468. This surplus is after three consecutive years of general fund deficits.

However, whilst this is good news it does not tell the full story. We were blessed with £25,000 in September 2022 from the closure of Stanton Hill Baptist Church. This was very timely and allowed us to end this financial year in a position of financial stability that we would not otherwise have been in. It prevented our general fund falling below our reserve fund threshold of £25,000. Our thanks go to the former membership of Stanton Hill for expressing their wishes for this to happen, to the EMBA for facilitating the payment and also to The Bridge Baptist Church, another beneficiary, who chose to approve the donation.



Aside from this blessing. It has been an eventful year in the financial life of our Church in a number of other respects. We have seen payment for the restoration of our Manse in Andover Road, following the eviction of a wholly unsatisfactory tenant, which cost our Church £14,500.



Conversely, on a positive note we did acquire a 2nd Property (in Tattershall Walk) from the profit of the sale of our original Manse (in Alexandra Avenue) and the purchase of a new smaller Manse (in Andover Road). Some upgrading of the new 2nd property in Tattershall Walk was necessary and has cost Mansfield Baptist Church £11,900.

These are two very costly projects totalling £26,400. However, I am pleased to report that neither of these have impacted on the general fund. The restoration of Andover Road came from a Property Maintenance (PM) fund of £24,000 set aside from the profits of the sale of Alexandra Avenue. We have also wisely used some of this PM fund to replace most of the Church windows and significantly improve the heating system in the Sweitzer Room. This has been an important investment in our Church building.

The funds for the upgrade of Tattershall Walk came from a generous donation of £20,000 towards the purchase of a 2nd property and for Mission. £11,900 has been used for the 2nd property and £5,700, so far, towards mission work.

So, despite these major events the general fund was unaffected. However, it must be noted that the c. £9,000 general fund surplus would have resulted in a £16,000 deficit without the £25,000 from Stanton Hill. An anticipated budget deficit of £6,755 was forecasted. As a result, there was an underperformance of £9,245 (£16,000 - £6,755) against the budget.

This can largely be explained by the general fund giving. Which ended the year £10,000 under budget and over £3,000 less than the previous year. See figures below



This Year £85,580
Budget £95,810
Last Year £88,864

The kind of deficit that could have arisen this year cannot be sustained. However, with both our properties now occupied and generating significant rental income, our deficit in 2023/24 should be significantly lower. With our general fund currently standing at over £40,000 this should remain at a more manageable level.

The 'elephant in the room' at present is the looming end to our fixed price energy deal in July 2024. This, at the present time, will have a colossal impact on the funds of our Church. Our Church meeting in September will look to make decisions on how we should prepare for this eventuality. I would encourage everyone to participate in the discussions and please pray.



I want to end this report on a more positive note. Because there have been a lot of positives. Not least the generosity of our Church fellowship in giving to other causes. This commitment never seems to diminish and this last year has been no different.

Donations for our Uganda Fund totalled £3,100. Leprosy Mission £1,335. Bags Of Hope supporting people in our local community raised £1,600, BMS Birthday Fund £650, £275 for the Turkey/Syria DEC Earthquake Appeal and for the Homeless in our local area £600. Thank you to everyone who donated, or helped in the raising of these funds.

From our Mansfield Baptist Church general fund we also contributed £12,600 last year towards mission work locally, across the country and worldwide supporting ALL who are in need, wherever they may be. This represents over 11% of our total income.

We give thanks and praise to the Lord for His continued blessings through the work of our Church. We thank Him for always providing for us.

So, we must continue putting our finances in His hands, to guide us and show us the way.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and continued support.

Neil



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Church Administrator



When you wake up in the morning actually happy to go to work, then you know God is working his purpose in your life, well that's it feels like for me anyway!

God has given you a gift, what is yours? As administration is a Spiritual calling which honours God and helps people, i'd say this is mine!

I'm often asked, both inside and outside the church, what I do, and it's quite a lot really here's just a few of things I do - creating the weekly newsletter, sending out prayer requests, agendas and minuting meetings, safeguarding administration, updating Church Suite (our church management system), funerals & weddings, making sure there's enough paper in the printer! Nagging! ...sometimes! ..and a lot more besides....

I have been working on the new ' WELCOME PACK' and it is definitely a labour of love, and is nearly ready, yes it is taking me longer than I would of liked BUT it's coming, so bear with me. Everyone will receive a copy.

We have a new WEBSITE coming soon, and thanks to Jonathon & Neil for all their hard work behind the scenes.

The next project will be to update the church database, as we have many who either no longer come to the church, or do come but are not on there! I will be working on how best we can use the church management system to make administration is more streamlined and efficient.



A special thanks to Sam for managing the church facebook page, and Clive for managing the phone when I'm on annual leave, and Neil for being such a great line manager.

I would also like to thank Clare for all the work she's done as Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) and thanks for Clive for now taking this very important role on.

Finally, thanks to everyone else for all for the love and support you give me in my role as your administrator, and finally if you are making a drink mine's a herbal tea, and Mark's a coffee – we never say no!



Cathy

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Children, Youth & Families

Paula Skinner

To be honest writing this report each year is my least favourite job but as always God turns something I dislike into a blessing. As I look back over the past year I see a faithful and good God within the ups and downs.

*"Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies."
Psalm 36 v5*

It is indeed a blessing and a privilege to have the opportunity to share Jesus with the children, youth and families in this place.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22 v6

First Steps

We have continued meeting on Wednesday in term time from 9.30-10.45am. We aim to show God's love in the community by providing a safe, caring, stimulating environment where carers and children develop friendships and children enjoy access to a wide range of play experiences. We have introduced a welcome pack with Children, Families and Youth information, a picture book of First Bible Stories for their toddler and of course chocolate for the parent to enjoy when reading the information at a more appropriate moment. We also have leavers bags for each child which once again has a Christian sticker book and leaflets about future events. A lot of our time during each session is about building up relationships, praying for and encouraging the children and their parent/carers. Due to these strong relationships we have started to meet once a term for a catch up and coffee with a group of parents and carers who have now left the group.



We have managed to keep our charge to £1.00 per family per session which people really appreciate. During the year we received another grant from the very supportive local councillors. This money and our weekly charge has meant we are able to continue a donation towards the cost of the church heating and lighting, have help putting out the larger equipment when setting up and packing away, provide hot drinks for adults and keep our toys updated. We now have 35 families on our weekly register and continue to have a waiting list.

We invite all our families to Get Set GO Toddlers, Get Set Together and various other events, and have been delighted to see a number of them join us.



Get Set GO Toddlers

This once a term time event links lots of messy activities to a bible story which we join together and share at the end of the session. Due to the age range, 1-5yrs, it is an ever changing group but appears to be a gentle way into sharing God's word with families. Many of these families have gone on to join Get Set Together.

Get Set Together

The aim of this group was to provide a welcoming and relaxed space to share God's love through activities, food and worship together for all ages. It has been fantastic to see both the church family, those attending various church groups and the community come together. This time together is never wasted in building relationships and having opportunities to share faith with each other



Other Events

Over the past year there have been lots of other events including the Light Event and the Christmas service and breakfast. These can't be mentioned without saying a huge thank you to Lucy. It was a privilege to work alongside Lucy and I have been blessed to have her as a friend and colleague for the past three years.

Team

A massive thank you to all those who have helped and supported the work of the children, youth and families work this year. It requires a massive team to keep everything running, from setting up and packing away to working with the children. I am always looking for more helpers, some things are weekly and others are for one off events, some jobs need a DBS but not all so please have a chat with me if you think you could help in any way

Prayer

I have just introduced a prayer hour once a month for the children, youth and families. Our first one was a great opportunity to thank God for his many blessings, the abundance of children and youth within our church and seek His will for the future. We would love you to join us next month. There is a prayer sheet available for anyone who would like topics to pray about.



Blessings
Paula

09-10



Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.
Psalm 66 v 1-2

In my report I just want to highlight the amazing people who are in the team with their gifts and talents and their commitment. I want to thank them for their support. Over the past couple of years, we have had new people join us too which is amazing.

Also, a massive thank you to the tech team who are incredible in what they do for us every week, both on a Sunday and in the worship team who practise every Thursday. They do more behind the scenes that perhaps people are aware of.

Before the pandemic and lockdown, we tried to organize a regular time to get together for the worship team, called 'Refresh and Blessing', but then lockdown came and since then this has been put on hold for various reasons. However, it is my aim over the next couple of months to start again with trying to eventually get this off the ground. It's vision is to bring the team together for Praise, Worship and Prayer.



Another area we are aiming to work on is to empower younger members of our church to be involved in the worship or tech teams and to encourage them to prayerfully look at the gifts they can bring.

Another part of my role in church is service leader and I am always looking for people who are interested in either doing the Bible reading, Prayers, or their personal testimonies.

In the services, we also will be including the various Ministries of the life of the church so everyone can pray for the work that happens every week.

If there is anything you are interested in being involved with that I have written about, please come and have a chat with me.

Thanks Jane

Hebrews 13:15-16.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that openly profess his name



11-13 Study Groups

House Groups, Bible Study Groups, Zoom Groups; call them what you will but all of them are Life Groups. When we meet to share our lives and study God's word for guidance together, our lives are changed. Friendships take on a new life, being explored and strengthened. Our knowledge of God's word for application in our lives changes our daily life in many ways as we respond to what we learn.

Through all the Life Groups, God continues to meet with us, challenge us and transform us.

Hebrews 4 v 12 "The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart."

I always like to do a look back to give thanks, and a look forward to what God may have in store for us :



We ran an Alpha Course between September and December of 2022 and this was attended by an average of 15 people each week led by a team of 5 leaders and supported by a rota of 13 cooks and helpers.

Most of those attending the course are now in a Life Group.

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE NEXT ALPHA COURSE, PLEASE SPEAK TO NEIL MEADOWS OR ME.

Our Advent reflection in November and December of 2022, overlapped with the Alpha Course. In our reflection we looked at four videos on Love, Hope, Peace and Joy. Ahavah, Rakmah and Agape: God overflows with love for the world. Our purpose is to receive this love and give it to others.

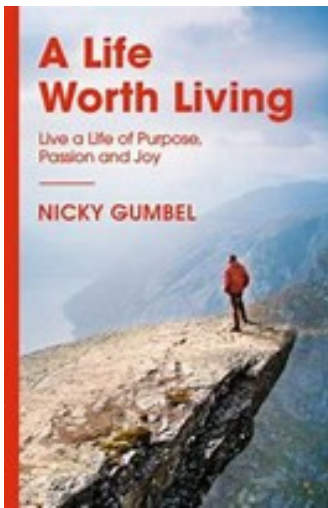
Yakhal and Quavah: Christian hope looks back to the risen Jesus in order to look forward ..and so we wait.

Shalom and Eirene: taking what is broken and restoring it to wholeness.

Chara: a profound decision of faith and hope in the power of Jesus' life and love.

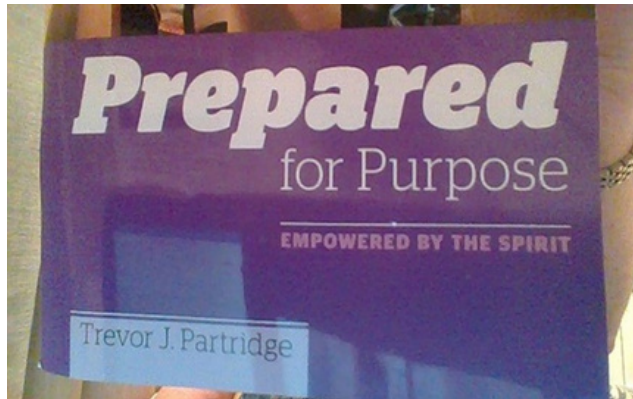
(Did you remember the phrases?)





To support those who had completed the Alpha Course, all the Life Groups were asked to begin the study 'A Life Worth Living' in January 2023. This is the Alpha Group follow-on study. It is an excellent study of the book of Philippians and proved beneficial for us all, not just those starting out on their Christian faith journey.

Philippians gives a unique window into the heart of mind of the apostle Paul, and he gives us a beautiful Messiah Poem which expresses his convictions of who Jesus is and gives us an example to follow.



Throughout Lent this year we met in Church for 6 weeks to look at something new. Rather than follow the familiar texts leading up to Easter, we looked at the work of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life, and how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to prepare us for purpose.

Endued from on high; Energised for Life; Enriched in Character, Enlightened within, Equipped to serve and Empowered for purpose: all the work of the Holy Spirit within us.

It was a good opportunity for us to have fellowship with one another – time to talk and catch up around God's word. It was also great to see different members taking the lead in the sessions. While I set up and introduced the course, the weeks were led by Neil Meadows, Elaine Harrison and Jean Durrant, Clive Butcher, Sam Lockwood, and Babu Gunasekaren. It is not always easy to step out of what may be your 'comfort zone', but in fellowship together is the safest place to try out your gifts or just try something new, and so we were blessed by the leaders' own styles.

Between all the main studies that we do together, each individual life group works through different courses as well as individual books of the Bible: these are personal choices for what the group needs or decides.

For example, our **Coopers group** zoom weekly on Thursday evening and is presently studying the prophets, beginning with the book of Daniel.

Jeannette's Monday group meets in person weekly in the evening/term time only and is working through a 6-week video study, learning to hear God's voice and how that helps with developing your gifts.

The **Monday afternoon group** held at Church and led by Neil is taking a 6-week journey through Esther.

For more information on all the groups available and the contact numbers, please see the 'Moving Forward' notice board in the Church lounge.

There is always room for more people to join in these groups and there is always the option for new groups to set up, especially as we are growing as a family.

We all need spaces to ask questions about life as well as the Bible. We all need a safe place to ask for help and prayer. We all need a laugh as we find out about one another and these Life Groups are the perfect place to get to know one another, perhaps find new friends and feel part of the MBC Family.

Looking forward, I am currently researching some more study material relevant to our growth as a Church body and, believe it or not, looking ahead to Advent -yes already!!

God has plenty in store for us and He loves us to have fellowship and fun around His word.

Thanking God for the continuing transformation of your lives through the application of His Word and looking forward to what God has in store for us,

Elizabeth Cooper

N.B. study material is always available even after the groups have completed their studies so if you want the information, please get in touch.

“ I have learned that everything has limits; but your commandment is perfect.
How I love your law! I think about it all day long.

Your commandment is with me all the time and makes me wiser than my enemies.

I understand more than all my teachers, because I meditate on your instructions.

I have greater wisdom than those who are old, because I obey your commands.

I have avoided all evil conduct, because I want to obey your word.

I have not neglected your instructions, because you yourself are my teacher.

How sweet is the taste of your instructions—sweeter even than honey!

I gain wisdom from your laws, and so I hate all bad conduct.

Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.

I will keep my solemn promise to obey your just instructions.”

Psalm 119 v 96-106

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Pastoral



When I think back to lockdown and covid, I can hardly believe it all happened. Who would ever believe we would be in a situation where churches were closed and we were not allowed to congregate together. The pastoral team and our minister Mark got together and organised a system of 'telepastors' where we tried to ensure everyone received a telephone call from one of a group of volunteers every few weeks or so. It is wonderful that this system is no longer needed, but we do try to ensure that people from our church who cannot come back on a regular basis are visited and/or phoned.

We realise that pastoral care in our church is ever changing and needs occur unexpectedly and suddenly sometimes, but we endeavour to be a loving and caring church.

There is a pastoral team at our church, but we are aware that there are many visits, phone calls and prayers offered regularly by many of our church members. In John 13:34 it says 'A new command I give you, love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another'.

There are many ways in which we can show love towards one another and in Galatians 5, (22,23) the gifts of the spirit are listed,

'But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, against such things there is no law'.

God bless you.

Dorcas Burnett



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Updates from Jeanette (Our CYM Student)

Women's Life Group

We now meet regularly on Monday evenings from 7 -9 pm term time only. Our meetings vary, including Bible study, creative prayer evenings, Christian movie nights and fellowship, meals out together, and sharing our lives with the support and encouragement of each other in our journey of faith. We recently welcomed five new members, so we are growing in numbers and in our relationship with Jesus. Exploring the word of God and the transformation this brings in our lives.

Street church Oaktree

is going from strength to strength; we have recruited a few more volunteers and have a great team willing to serve in any way they can, including new volunteers regularly preaching the word of God. Periodically go door-knocking, leaflet drops, and prayer walks, building positive community relations with the church by responding to the needs of individuals where possible and showing them the love of Jesus. This resulted in an increase in individuals and families attending each week. They are showing an interest and are willing to listen to the gospel talks each week. We are still going into the homes of a couple of people and have started doing alpha with them. Exploring together who Jesus is and how to include him in their lives

Rooted

meets every Friday at Oaktree leisure center 2.30-4.30pm. This is an extension of what we do at street church; we feel that this is the birth of a new church; there are about 15-20 people that attend each week, and we offer a renew style meeting with crafts for the first hour and prayer worship and bible study together for the last hour. Individuals that attend are engaged with the study, gaining in understanding and sharing views and insights, which is fantastic to witness. We have introduced the possibility of setting up holy communion once per month. This was welcomed and wanted, so we had conversations on why we take HC so they understood this. We had our first trip out as a group and visited Southwell Minster, the aim was to help them connect and to explore the stations of the cross and reflect on the bible verses relating to this. It was a very moving experience for all who attended. The next stage is to set up monthly HC for rooted, in the hope of extending to the rest of the Oaktree community. It's such a privilege to be part of the team/church and to witness how God is moving and working in the lives of the people of Oaktree.



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Blessing Bags

We run two different types of food bags and they are very different. 1) Bags of hope (see previous report) 2) The Blessing Bags: to simply bless people who are finding things hard.

Each week we send out 24 bags to street church. They range in content, with a small amount of food such as:

- cereal, long life milk, bread and jam or beans.
- 200g pasta or rice or tinned potatoes, tinned meat - e.g chicken in sauce, minced beef onion, stew, tinned veg and bread.
- Bread, tuna, a pot noodle or pasta and sauce sachet and tinned soup or rice pudding.
- Pasta bake sauce, 200g pasta.
- Bread, soup or beans.
- Bread, beans, soup or tinned tomatoes and a dozen teabags.

They are always well received each week & do what they say simply bless the people who have one. With the cost of living increases, we no longer add a packet of biscuits as a regular but sometimes as a treat.

We have a few regular people who bless us with regular drop offs for the cupboard for things we can no longer buy. We have a small fund coming in that keeps this work going, and a regular monthly payment from another church to help. - **Thanks to helps with this!**

The bags are also what we give to people who turn up at church in need of some food. Sue is able to make up a blessing bag and give them out, and we bless people in our church family with them also. When you have nothing, it's a real blessing!

Daniel has been helping for the last 6 months again, every week to obtain his silver Duke of Edinburgh award, and it has been lovely to shop and pack the bags with him.

How you can help this vital work continue? - It's as simple as adding one or more of the following to your shopping each week & bringing it on Sunday to church or a money gift marked 'blessing bags'!

- Tin soup, beans, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding, tin potatoes, peas, carrots, corn, minced beef onion, stew, meatballs, tuna.
- 1kg pasta or packet dried spaghetti,
- Jar pasta bake sauce.
- Box cereal 90p cornflakes, long life milk, teabags, jar jam.
- Packet biscuits, bar chocolate a real treat now in the bags!!!

When I was hungry you gave me something to eat, when I was thirsty something to drink. - Mathew 25 35 40.

When we are blessed with harvest festival drops from Queen Elizabeth school and our church the cupboard is full, but it soon goes at 24 bags a week. The faithful few who bring food weekly and give financial help to this enabling the bags to have a variation each week, not just bread, soup, and beans each week, this makes the cheapest week @ approx £1.30 a bag. X 24 = £31.20. Cereal, milk, bread and jam £2.0 X 24 = £55.20. The meat weeks bless the recipients with approx. £4.50 worth of food X 24 = £108.00.

Thank you for reading this and your prayers over this vital outreach work. We have seen people give their lives to Christ at street church from the continued love and support they have seen and been given.

With love and thanks from Elaine and the team who cover sickness and holiday weeks.

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Bags of Hope

Thank you for reading this and as you will see from the figures the funds are really low!

Bags of hope are just that a week's food for people who are really struggling that have hit a difficult time for all sorts of reasons.

Recently we've helped a lady who lost her purse and hadn't eaten in 3 days, someone from street church told her about us. The relief when I took the bag of food was huge and I was able to pray with her.

Month	IN	OUT	Balance
March			£974.00
April	£217.33	£95.46	£1,095.87
May	£93.35	£41.96	£1,147.26
June	£70.35	£176.24	£1,041.37
July	£55.00	£371.79	£724.58
August	£45.00	£425.03	£344.55
September	£100.05	£497.62	-£53.02
October	£79.78	£297.18	-£265.42
November	£349.45	£92.40	-£8.37
December	£205.00	£149.68	£41.95
January	£195.66	£136.27	£101.34
February	£121.45	£75.19	£147.60
March	£65.10	£42.72	£169.98
TOTAL	£1,597.52	£2,401.54	

We have helped a mum and her 5 children long term (over eight months), this is highly unusual but so were her circumstances. Jenny B looked after this lady and the family showing lots of love with a listening ear, clothes from share wear and a weekly food parcel from us. She had nothing coming in at all in the beginning, and as things got slightly better, we reduced the amount of food until the status to remain was sorted and universal credit when the Mansfield Baptist church food support stopped. Can you imagine 2 babies under two five-year-old and two older boys and nothing at all??? As the time went on our church family provided the funds for the weekly food as it became a longer-term support. This family have seen the love of Jesus and we have prayed with them. Jenny remains in contact with them for ongoing support with clothes etc.

Over Christmas, 2 families I had got to know were sanctioned on their benefit. They missed an appointment with DHSS as their children were ill or in hospital. There is no leeway the money simply stops while they are investigated, both mums were so upset and had a meal from Jesus which was sorted by Dorcas and Jenny B.

There are so many families we have helped this year all referred by various people, including our own church family having support when needed. Many more come to mind, but some I put in the newsletter last year, one gave their life to Christ with Jeanette this year. God is so faithful.

To continue this work funds are needed, thank you for those who give to this work, and raise money already. If you want some of your giving to go to this ministry, it needs to be marked 'Bags of Hope'. You can see on the spreadsheet where we stand at the end of year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report and I know God has it in his hands. He provides for the sparrows the Bible tells us, so I know He will make provision for the people in need He places in our path. To show love and practical help too.

Love Elaine and Jenny B

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Matthew 6:26

18

BMS Church Partners



Claire Bedford is our BMS Link missionary working as a pharmacist at the Guinebor 2 (G2) Hospital, on the outskirts of N'Djamena, the capital of Chad.

The hospital welcomes many patients from all over N'Djamena, the rest of Chad, and from neighbouring countries. This demonstrates the confidence people have in the care the hospital gives. Please pray that this is a great witness to the patients of the love of Jesus in action.

March has seen their busiest month ever at the G2 Hospital and those working there are all tired. They are happy, however, to be serving more and more of the local population.

Claire's colleague Audrey left at the start of March and Cleopas has stepped into the role. Although Claire is finding it draining having to explain things to him, he does have a good attitude and is willing to learn and ask questions. Cleopas is getting more confident but is still unsure sometimes and double-checks a lot of things with Claire. A new intern, Jacqueline, has stepped into Cleopas' old role.

A new solar power system has now been installed. The installation didn't come without its challenges, but it is up and running and it is projected to reduce the hospital's use of the diesel generator by 50-75%.

Although Claire's work has been in the pharmacy the last few months with the handover from Audrey to Cleopas, she is still overseeing the lab and imaging departments and working with their Chadian department heads to ensure the departments function well in all aspects.

Claire is still on the Senior Management Team (SMT) and writing the notes up from the weekly meetings. She finds it a privilege to be on the team as they work together to try and solve the seemingly unending list of issues and challenges facing the hospital.

Claire is planning a break in mid-April, outside of Chad for just over a week with a friend, which she is really looking forward to.

PRAYER POINTS

- Continue to pray that the SMT can find more suitable training courses for Cleopas
- Wisdom and discernment for all involved during governance changes of the hospital
- A refreshing holiday mid-April
- Peace for Claire in the midst of all the changes of personnel

Claire thanks us for our ongoing interest in and the support of Guinebor II Hospital. Our support is very much appreciated.

Claire issues a prayer letter every few months which is available via email. If you would like to be added to the list, please email me at davidardron456@hotmail.com asking to be put on Claire's mailing list.

David Ardron

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Recovery

God at the centre is the essence of Recovery. It involves a writing and sharing programme in which God leads people towards healing and a greater freedom. **Wounds and hurts are healed, feelings of unworthiness, anxiety and inferiority are reduced, and chains of obsessions and addictions are broken.** It helps people to feel more peaceful and their relationships to become healthier. It encourages self-understanding, allows God to heal damaged emotions and draws us into a greater knowledge of God's love for us and into a deeper relationship with Him. The programme is for anyone and everyone.

To create an atmosphere where healing and renewal can occur, guidelines are needed. Confidentiality is a major part of this. The guidelines also include maintaining an environment where non-judgemental attitudes, unconditional love, acceptance and respect for each other and their views are essential. A safe place for sharing is created, where other group members and leaders listen, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Prayers are given for any wounds, hurts or habits that have been shared, lifting them to God for His healing. We let God be God and soak every meeting in prayer, both within meetings and during the rest of the week.

Groups and Zoom Calls. Most groups meet in church. Two types of Recovery programmes are used – the Genesis Recovery programme and the 12 Step Recovery programme. Although the latter programme is generally used in Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous groups, it is also commonly used in Christian groups.

On Mondays, the 12 Step Recovery programme has been used by two groups. One of these has just completed the programme successfully. The same Recovery programme is also used by several individuals using Zoom. Recently, the Genesis Recovery programme has been started by another group. This group meets on Thursdays.

We also offer deeper prayer if anyone would like this. This does not involve a programme but a prayer time or times to help inner healing.

We ask you to respect the privacy and confidentiality of these groups as far as is possible and we would also greatly value your prayers for them.

Thank you,
Bronwen, Fiona, Spro.

If you would like to know more, please see one of the above people.



**THE
RECOVERY
COURSE**

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Renew Wellbeing

Our Renew Space is one of around 240 across our Nation. We meet between 10am and 1.30 pm on Thursdays with a variety of activities available such as board games, jigsaw puzzles, quiz books and colouring books. Those attending value the opportunity to meet, talk and relax in a caring atmosphere. Interaction with others can be as much or as little as the individual needs at that time. All are welcome.

We are extremely grateful to Derek and Brenda Rumbol who introduced Renew Wellbeing to Mansfield and have now stepped down from their leadership role. Thanks to their example Renew continues with the team that they have worked with and trained.



Quiet shared
spaces
where it's OK
not to be OK

The number of attendees varies from week to week but is usually over twenty with about eleven volunteers. We remain grateful for the support of Sue Kemp and her helpers who provide the excellent meal that closes our session.

Prayer is a vital part of Renew, the team starting the morning with prayer based on Psalm 103. There is also reflection on a different Psalm each week, guided by a commentary from Ruth Rice the national Renew leader. Before the meal there is prayer in the Chapel which follows the words of the Lord's Prayer. This is voluntary but many appreciate the time of peaceful contemplation.

During the morning a 'Quiet Room' is available for prayer and reflection.

We thank God for this resource and for all the similar centres across the Country, which are much valued by all who attend.

The Renew Team

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Feeding with the Word Men's Breakfast

This is the Mansfield Baptist Church group aimed at men; to give them an opportunity to get together, share in fellowship, hear the word of God and enjoy conversation over a simple breakfast.

The group has been running now for 13 months and meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month between 9.00am & 11.00am.

We share scripture, testimonies, music and prayer, along with a range of discussions to support and help one another grow to in faith and face the day-to-day challenges of Christian life.

We have guests from other churches joining us too as there is a real call for men wanting to fellowship together and share the word as brothers. Numbers attending have varied between 7-17, with an overall monthly average of 13.



The discussions are very much Spirit led, and so often we find the topics raised by one person are also brought by another in a different form on the same subject. Seeing people grow in faith and gain encouragement and support from other members shows how God moves within our group; there have been so many uplifting moments.

We continue to look for more people to join us and share their experiences in Christ so that we can all continue to grow together.

Special thanks to Sue Kemp and Elizabeth Cooper for their support with the shopping and in the kitchen which has enabled the men to focus on their time together.

Praise be to God.

Tim
Tim Cooper

2 Peter 3:18 -

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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Hope Craft & Cake

We have had three sessions now and some great fellowship together.

We start with a time of craft and laughter, followed by a time with Gods word in a bible study.

We are looking at women in the bible which has been really good as an opening to group discussions how it is relevant in our lives today.

We follow up with beautiful cakes by Alia and refreshments.



We are a small group but it's open to all women, please feel free to bring along a neighbour or friend to join the fellowship and hear about the women in the bible and how their lives are so linked to ours today.

It's completely free and a lovely two hours of Christian fellowship on the third Saturday of the month quarterly. **The next one is June 17th 2.30 to 4.30pm.**

We hope you will join us and bring someone with you.

Love from Elaine, Helen C, and Alia



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Young Adults Fellowship

We gather once a month. We started in May 2022. Usually we are 15-20 persons, once we were 33 persons.

Before starting this fellowship, in March 2022 we gathered with Lionel, Christine and Nathanael, Lurie, Paul and Ana-Maria and myself, we prayed and discussed about our aims and objectives which Lionel printed for us. We met again in October 2022 to discuss about improvement in our gathering.



Aims:

1. Inclusive and welcoming
2. Encourage personal and communal faith in Jesus
3. Discover God given purpose and provide a place where others can offer support.
4. Building meaningful friendship

Objectives:

1. Regular 90 minutes meeting,
2. Prepare young adults for a Bible based future
3. To raise awareness of Jesus as a major contributor in our lives
4. To encourage young people to recognise God's hand in everyday life.
5. To encourage prayer and familiarisation with the Word of God
6. To explore young people talents and abilities
7. To develop a family environment for everyone to feel belonged.

Our Vision: "We are a group of young adults that Love God and we meet monthly to give glory to the Lord and learn more about Him."

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget.

We are so blessed to be part of this wonderful church..... Blessings Corina & Lurie

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

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Romanian Group

We started in June 2022.

We are a group of Romanian Orthodox and Baptists families who want to find more about God and His word.

Our motto is: **YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH.** Psalm 119:105

Once a month we gather together to read His word, discussing about God, Bible ,having a worship time, a cup of tea and encouraging each other. Usually we are in total 20 -25 persons with children.

As well, we meet all these people online.

We have every Saturday 7.00pm an Inductive Study Bible on Zoom lead by Lurie. This method helps us achieve our goal of understanding scripture and making application for our lives.

I lead a group of women every Wednesday 7.00pm on zoom Women's Prayer in Romanian: Femeile Rugaciunii, an hour when we bring requests of prayers and we pray as well for the church and the requests we have via email. They are Romanian women, some of them participate to our Church program.

Monthly, we have a Romanian family meeting discussing about God, Bible, having a worship time and a cup of tea.

Corina & Lurie





MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

END OF YEAR
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

31st MARCH 2023

- **Introduction**

The information in these accounts have been transferred from ‘Finance Co-Ordinator’ and reconciled with bank statements. The accounts were examined by Mr P Henderson on 22nd May 2023 as per the attached statement.

They have been approved by the Church at the Annual General Meeting.

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	139,350	7,902	—	147,252	119,180
Incoming resources from charitable activities	60	730	—	790	1,351
Other incoming resources	6,220	—	—	6,220	2,124
Total income	145,631	8,631	—	154,262	122,655
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	—	—	—	—	—
Cost of generating voluntary income	33,231	5,843	—	39,073	17,796
Charitable activities	129,435	7,472	—	136,908	122,968
Other resources used	—	—	—	—	15,851
Total expenditure	162,666	13,315	—	175,981	156,615
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(17,035)	(4,684)	—	(21,719)	(33,960)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	309
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(309)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	711,852	—	711,852	495,917
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(17,035)	707,168	—	690,133	461,957
Total funds brought forward	99,577	5,067,826	—	5,167,403	4,705,446
Total funds carried forward	82,541	5,774,995	—	5,857,536	5,167,403
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	74,935	—	—	74,935	81,180
Designated					
Chhahari Nepal	50	—	—	50	50
Family Worker	(6,302)	—	—	(6,302)	1,593
Light House	112	—	—	112	112
Mission	(5,621)	—	—	(5,621)	(2,726)
Parish Nurse	(1)	—	—	(1)	(1)
Property development	13,208	—	—	13,208	13,208
Sue Personal	269	—	—	269	269
TODDLERS	115	—	—	115	115
Youth Worker	5,777	—	—	5,777	5,777
Restricted					
Fixed Assets	—	5,801,777	—	5,801,777	5,089,925
BMS Birthday Fund	—	1	—	1	—

BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—
BUGB Home Mission Fund	—	—	—	—	—
Chhahari Nepal	—	(50)	—	(50)	(40)
Family Worker	—	(758)	—	(758)	(758)
Fellowship Fund	—	(5,649)	—	(5,649)	(5,813)
First Steps	—	—	—	—	—
Foodbank	—	0	—	0	0
INF	—	0	—	0	0
Light House	—	(113)	—	(113)	(112)
Minister in Training	—	0	—	0	0
Mission	—	0	—	0	0
Own A/C Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—
Own A/C Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—	—
Own A/C Family Fun Night	—	(40)	—	(40)	—
Own A/C Little Explorers	—	1,364	—	1,364	935
Own A/C Ministers Fellowship	—	1,465	—	1,465	1,174
Own A/C Toddlers	—	49	—	49	49
Own A/C Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—
Own A/C Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—
Power Pack	—	—	—	—	—
Preg. Crisis	—	0	—	0	0
Property development	—	(17,679)	—	(17,679)	(13,208)
Shine	—	1	—	1	1
Sue Personal	—	(269)	—	(269)	(269)
TODDLERS	—	(115)	—	(115)	(115)
Uganda Fund	—	(33)	—	(33)	962
Welcome Break	—	0	—	0	0
Winter Shelter	—	819	—	819	870
Youth Worker	—	(5,777)	—	(5,777)	(5,777)

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
FA001	Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	4,542,356	4,125,616
FA002	Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	228,502	207,538
FA003	Pipe Organ in Church	595,487	540,854
FA004	Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	255,432	215,917
FA005	2nd Property, 19 Tattershall Walk	180,000	—
	Total Fixed assets	5,801,777	5,089,925
Current assets			
CA001	Bank current account	52,268	74,296
CA002	Deposit account	—	—
CA003	Bond 9mths	—	—
CA004	COIF accounts	1,054	1,035
CA005	Petty Cash	—	—
CA006	Minister,s Community A/C	1,465	1,174
CA007	Toddler,s Own A/C	49	49
CA008	Vintage Club A/c	—	—
CA009	Welcome Break Own A/C	(64)	(64)
CA010	Coffee Shop A/c	—	—
CA011	Power Pack Own A/C	19	19
CA012	Holiday Drop-in A/C	34	34
CA013	Youth Drop-in A/C	935	935
CA014	Baby Talk A/C	—	—
	Total Current assets	55,759	77,478
Liabilities			
LIA001	Underpaid Electricity	—	—
LIA002	Unpaid specified funds	—	—

LIA003	Long-Term loan EMBA		—	—
	Total Liabilities		—	—
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)		5,857,536	5,167,403
Reserves				
	Excess / (deficit) to date		(21,719)	—
Z01	Starting balances		5,167,403	4,671,486
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets		711,852	495,917
Z03	Gains and losses own use		—	—
	Total Reserves		5,857,536	5,167,403
Represented by funds				
	Unrestricted		74,935	81,180
	Designated		7,607	18,396
	Restricted		5,774,995	5,067,826
	Endowment		—	—
	Total		5,857,536	5,167,403

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	—	—	4,542,356	—	4,542,356	4,125,616
Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	—	—	228,502	—	228,502	207,538
Pipe Organ in Church	—	—	595,487	—	595,487	540,854
Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	—	—	255,432	—	255,432	215,917
2nd Property, 19 Tattershall Walk	—	—	180,000	—	180,000	—
Totals	—	—	5,801,777	—	5,801,777	5,089,925
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account	73,965	7,607	(29,304)	—	52,268	74,296
Totals	73,881	7,607	(26,782)	—	54,705	76,443
Current assets - Investments						
Deposit account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bond 9mths	—	—	—	—	—	—
COIF accounts	1,054	—	—	—	1,054	1,035
Totals	1,054	—	—	—	1,054	1,035
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Petty Cash	(500)	—	500	—	—	—
Minister,s Community A/C	—	—	1,465	—	1,465	1,174
Toddler,s Own A/C	365	—	(316)	—	49	49
Vintage Club A/c	—	—	—	—	—	—
Welcome Break Own A/C	—	—	(64)	—	(64)	(64)
Coffee Shop A/c	—	—	—	—	—	—
Power Pack Own A/C	—	—	19	—	19	19
Holiday Drop-in A/C	10	—	24	—	34	34
Youth Drop-in A/C	41	—	893	—	935	935
Baby Talk A/C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	73,881	7,607	(26,782)	—	54,705	76,443
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Underpaid Electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unpaid specified funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	74,935	7,607	5,774,995	—	5,857,536	5,167,403

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
BF - BMS Birthday Fund						
Restricted	—	651	650	—	—	1
Sub-total for BF	—	651	650	—	—	1
BMS - BMS World Mission						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BMS	—	—	—	—	—	—
BT - Own A/C Baby Talk						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BT	—	—	—	—	—	—
CS - Own A/C Coffee Shop						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for CS	—	—	—	—	—	—
FA - Fixed Assets						
Restricted	5,089,925	—	—	—	711,852	5,801,777
Sub-total for FA	5,089,925	—	—	—	711,852	5,801,777
FB - Foodbank						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for FB	0	—	—	—	—	0
FF - Fellowship Fund						
Restricted	(5,813)	1,245	1,081	—	—	(5,649)
Sub-total for FF	(5,813)	1,245	1,081	—	—	(5,649)
FFN - Own A/C Family Fun N						
Restricted	—	57	97	—	—	(40)
Sub-total for FFN	—	57	97	—	—	(40)
FS - First Steps						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for FS	—	—	—	—	—	—
FW - Family Worker						
Designated	1,593	10,122	18,017	—	—	(6,302)
Restricted	(758)	—	—	—	—	(758)
Sub-total for FW	834	10,122	18,017	—	—	(7,061)
HMF - BUGB Home Mission Fu						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HMF	—	—	—	—	—	—
INF - INF						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for INF	0	—	—	—	—	0
LE - Own A/C Little Explo						
Restricted	935	590	161	—	—	1,364
Sub-total for LE	935	590	161	—	—	1,364
LH - Light House						
Designated	112	—	—	—	—	112
Restricted	(112)	83	83	—	—	(113)
Sub-total for LH	0	83	83	—	—	(1)
MCA - Own A/C Ministers Fe						
Restricted	1,174	2,145	1,855	—	—	1,465
Sub-total for MCA	1,174	2,145	1,855	—	—	1,465
MIT - Minister in Training						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for MIT	0	—	—	—	—	0
Miss - Mission						
Designated	(2,726)	280	3,175	—	—	(5,621)
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for Miss	(2,726)	280	3,175	—	—	(5,621)

PC - Preg. Crisis							
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for PC	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
PD - Property development							
Designated	13,208	—	—	—	—	—	13,208
Restricted	(13,208)	—	4,471	—	—	—	(17,679)
Sub-total for PD	0	—	4,471	—	—	—	(4,471)
PN - Parish Nurse							
Designated	(1)	—	—	—	—	—	(1)
Sub-total for PN	(1)	—	—	—	—	—	(1)
PP - Power Pack							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SHI - Shine							
Restricted	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Sub-total for SHI	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
SP - Sue Personal							
Designated	269	—	—	—	—	—	269
Restricted	(269)	—	—	—	—	—	(269)
Sub-total for SP	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
SS - Chhahari Nepal							
Designated	50	—	—	—	—	—	50
Restricted	(40)	146	156	—	—	—	(50)
Sub-total for SS	11	146	156	—	—	—	1
TOA - Own A/C Toddlers							
Restricted	49	—	—	—	—	—	49
Sub-total for TOA	49	—	—	—	—	—	49
UG - Uganda Fund							
Restricted	962	3,105	4,100	—	—	—	(33)
Sub-total for UG	962	3,105	4,100	—	—	—	(33)
VC - Own A/C Vintage Club							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for VC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WB - Welcome Break							
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for WB	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
WBO - Own A/C Welcome Brea							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for WBO	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
WS - Winter Shelter							
Restricted	870	610	662	—	—	—	819
Sub-total for WS	870	610	662	—	—	—	819
YW - Youth Worker							
Designated	5,777	—	—	—	—	—	5,777
Restricted	(5,777)	—	—	—	—	—	(5,777)
Sub-total for YW	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
td - TODDLERS							
Designated	115	—	—	—	—	—	115
Restricted	(115)	—	—	—	—	—	(115)
Sub-total for td	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	81,180	135,228	141,474	—	—	—	74,935
Sub-total for General	81,180	135,228	141,474	—	—	—	74,935
Grand total	5,167,403	154,262	175,981	—	711,852	—	5,857,536

Analysis of income and expenditure

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
IN001 - Gift Aid	48,182	—	—	—	48,182	52,425
IN002 - Collections	27,276	—	—	—	27,276	23,111
IN003 - Donations - Unr	25,039	—	—	—	25,039	328
IN004 - Lettings	2,622	—	—	—	2,622	265
IN005 - INF	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN006 - Sundries	—	—	—	—	—	117
IN007 - Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN008 - Property Development	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN009 - BMS Birthday	—	—	651	—	651	543
IN010 - BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN011 - BUGB Home Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN012 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	146	—	146	130
IN013 - Children, Families & Youth	—	10,122	—	—	10,122	13,328
IN016 - Mission	—	280	—	—	280	314
IN019 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN021 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN022 - Tax Refunds	13,541	—	—	—	13,541	13,364
IN023 - Sue Personal	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN026 - Minister's Community	—	—	2,145	—	2,145	2,474
IN033 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN035 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN036 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN037 - Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN038 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN040 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN042 - Conferences	—	—	—	—	—	370
IN044 - Donations - Des	3,984	—	—	—	3,984	2,736
IN045 - Donations - Res	2,776	—	—	—	2,776	4,946
IN046 - Church Services	—	—	—	—	—	100
IN050 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN051 - Homeless	—	—	610	—	610	1,009
IN052 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN053 - Fellowship Fund	—	—	1,245	—	1,245	1,314
IN054 - Church Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN055 - Supply	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN056 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN057 - Manse Maintenance	(50)	—	—	—	(50)	—
IN058 - Expenses Income	2,809	—	—	—	2,809	588
IN059 - Donations - Photocopier	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN061 - Uganda Fund	—	—	3,105	—	3,105	1,708
IN062 - Children & Families Pastor - Resources	—	—	—	—	—	10
IN063 - 2nd Property	1,211	—	—	—	1,211	—
IN064 - Bags Of Hope	1,557	—	—	—	1,557	—
Total	128,948	10,402	7,902	—	147,252	119,180

Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
IN014 - Light House	—	—	83	—	83	—
IN015 - Minister in Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN017 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN018 - Preg Crisis	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN020 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN024 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN025 - Toddlers Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN027 - Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—	—

IN028 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN029 - Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN030 - Impact Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN031 - Family Fun Night	—	—	57	—	57	—
IN032 - Little Explorers	—	—	590	—	590	1,181
IN039 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN041 - Other Salaries Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN043 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN047 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN048 - Donations - Heat & Lighting	60	—	—	—	60	170
IN060 - NCC Supplies - Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	60	—	730	—	790	1,351

Other incoming resources

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
IN034 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN049 - Manse Income	6,220	—	—	—	6,220	2,124
Total	6,220	—	—	—	6,220	2,124

INCOME TOTAL	135,228	10,402	8,631	—	154,262	122,655
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Cost of generating funds

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP056 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP077 - Interim Minister	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP082 - Travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP069 - Homeless	—	—	662	—	662	523
EXP070 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP072 - Nepal Earthquake	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP073 - Donations - Restricted	2,225	—	—	—	2,225	7,682
EXP074 - Fellowship Fund	600	—	1,081	—	1,681	3,628
EXP075 - Dishwasher	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP076 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP078 - Donations - Designated	910	—	—	—	910	2,566
EXP079 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP080 - Manse Allowances	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP081 - Manse Maintenance	14,930	—	—	—	14,930	—
EXP084 - Uganda Fund	—	—	4,100	—	4,100	1,400
EXP085 - Manse Sale & Purchase	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP086 - 2nd Property	12,205	—	—	—	12,205	1,997
EXP088 - Bags Of Hope	2,361	—	—	—	2,361	—

Total	33,231	—	5,843	—	39,073	17,796
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Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
EXP001 - Stipend & Salaries	32,665	—	—	—	32,665	28,874
EXP002 - HMRC	5,280	—	—	—	5,280	4,967
EXP003 - BMPF	9,004	—	—	—	9,004	10,340
EXP004 - Team Expenses & Resources	4,657	—	—	—	4,657	1,455
EXP005 - Supply - Speakers	220	—	—	—	220	—
EXP006 - Manse Allowance	9,612	—	—	—	9,612	9,612
EXP007 - Manse Insurance	481	—	—	—	481	261
EXP008 - Manse Fuel	445	—	—	—	445	—
EXP009 - Manse Phone	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP010 - Church Insurance	4,188	—	—	—	4,188	3,767
EXP011 - Gas	883	—	—	—	883	338
EXP012 - Electricity	9,649	—	—	—	9,649	9,503
EXP013 - Cleaning & Kitchen Supplies	1,263	—	—	—	1,263	1,080
EXP014 - Church Maintenance	6,034	—	—	—	6,034	4,559
EXP015 - Music	—	—	—	—	—	872
EXP016 - Junior Church	7	—	—	—	7	—
EXP017 - Subscriptions & Copyright	3,187	—	—	—	3,187	3,921
EXP018 - Conferences	465	—	—	—	465	1,616
EXP019 - Books	552	—	—	—	552	988
EXP020 - Publicity	—	—	—	—	—	221
EXP021 - Youth Worker	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP022 - Administrator	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP023 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP024 - Phone and BB Church	1,282	—	—	—	1,282	1,108
EXP025 - Photocopier	1,812	—	—	—	1,812	1,531
EXP026 - Printing & Stationery	1,448	—	—	—	1,448	1,170
EXP027 - Sundries	—	—	—	—	—	117
EXP028 - BMS Contributions	4,950	—	—	—	4,950	4,800
EXP029 - HMF Contributions	4,800	—	—	—	4,800	4,800
EXP030 - ICIS Gifts	2,400	—	—	—	2,400	2,400
EXP031 - INF Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP032 - Evangelical Alliance Gift	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP033 - Outreach Giving	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP034 - BMS Birthday	—	—	650	—	650	563
EXP035 - Youth Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP036 - Children, Families & Youth	705	18,017	—	—	18,722	15,664
EXP037 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP038 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	156	—	156	120
EXP039 - Property	—	—	4,471	—	4,471	—
EXP040 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP041 - Minister in training	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP042 - Light House	—	—	83	—	83	—
EXP043 - Mission	—	3,175	—	—	3,175	2,012
EXP044 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP045 - Sue Psnl	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP046 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP047 - Toddlers Own	—	—	—	—	—	475
EXP048 - Minister's Community	—	—	1,855	—	1,855	3,638
EXP049 - Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—	49
EXP050 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	—	—	—	60
EXP051 - Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—	—	216
EXP052 - Impact Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP053 - Family Fun Night	—	—	97	—	97	—
EXP054 - Little Explorers	—	—	161	—	161	654
EXP055 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP057 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP058 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—

EXP059 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP060 - BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP061 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP062 - Other Salaries	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP063 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP064 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP065 - Training	1,795	—	—	—	1,795	451
EXP066 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP067 - Church Services	459	—	—	—	459	766
EXP071 - Social Justice	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP083 - Development	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	108,243	21,192	7,472	—	136,908	122,968

Other resources used

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP087 - Slessor Insurance Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	15,851
Total	—	—	—	—	—	15,851

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	141,474	21,192	13,315	—	175,981	156,615
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GRAND TOTAL	(6,245)	(10,790)	(4,684)	—	(21,719)	(33,960)
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- **Conclusion**

These are a fair and true record of the financial activities of Mansfield Baptist Church for the year commencing 1st April 2022 and ending 31st March 2023, kept by Neil Meadows, Church Treasurer.

This report dated: 7th June 2023

Signed *neil meadows*
MR NEIL MEADOWS



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no (if any)

1141724

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

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").

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:

PN Henderson

Date:

21/5/23

Name:

PATRICK HENDERSON

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

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Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

None

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1141724

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Pastor's Report

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful...." "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15 v 1,2 & 5.

Looking Up- What is God saying?

A few months ago, I was praying over the church, about what the Lord wanted us to be and to do as we had begun most of our initial vision to grow deeper, wider and younger with the increase of prayer, the employment of the children, families and youth workers, the re ordering of our housing to release finances for mission and for the provision of a home for vulnerable people. We have started an outreach team with the arrival of Jeanette from the CYM course, and made a start to increase the small groups for disciple making. I had the picture come to mind of the huge Cherry Blossom tree that is near where we live, when it's in season is really is something to see. It's a reflection of immense beauty of our creator.



I felt Lord say this is how I want my church to be, each part in deep relationship bound together in love and unity, reflecting the beauty of Christ, releasing the fragrance of Christ through the church and out into the wider world, being visible, a place for others to find a home and take shelter, with its roots growing deep to draw deeply from the love of Jesus, and his word and being able to stand firm in the storms that are coming, with all branches bearing fruit in its good time. Please pray over the many passages of scripture related to trees and agriculture as we continue to seek the Lord on what he wants our church to be and to do at this time of great change and turmoil in our world. We are called to stand out as a light on a hill that cannot be hidden.

Looking back- A reflection

We encourage you to read through the reports and see the different expressions of God's work taking place inside our church and touching community. Whilst we celebrate all of this, we also remember that over the last 2 years there are many in our church family and our community who have gone through really difficult times and loss. Please do continue to pray and care for one another.

Our church has continued to grow and change over this last year, we have been pruned over the last 2 years with some ministries having to close due to not being able to meet such as the coffee shop and one of the parent and toddler groups, but over the last year we have seen many shoots of new things beginning. There is new life bursting out with many parts of the church blossoming and also being fruitful (too many to name them all!). It has also been a year of learning as we have served our community with practical help and support and also with sharing Jesus in outreach and realising our complete dependency on Jesus and the outworking of his power.

We have seen a steady stream of new people turning up on Sunday from a wide variety of backgrounds and circumstances. We often are amazed how this happens as the reasons are varied and often the people themselves would say that felt prompted by God to reconnect with a church. One of the things we love about our church is the little glimpse of heaven on a Sunday morning both as the Lord faithfully meets us and the way He brings together a diverse congregation across backgrounds, ages and nationalities, it truly is a rich blessing. Over the last year many others from our church fellowship have also regained confidence to gather with us which has been wonderful to reconnect with them again in person.

Looking forward- New challenges

Whilst growth is encouraging, the changes it brings also leaves us with many new challenges like how we grow together in deep authentic community sharing life with one another uniting the church that was here before the pandemic, and the church we are becoming to be. It raises challenges for us how we welcome and include others so the people who come, feel loved and have a sense of belonging as family with us. We need to continue to develop our pastoral care for all especially for those who can't be with in person and find better ways to help those who come and need more time and support from us. We also must continue to encourage and give opportunities for all ages in every area of church life to find their gifts and play their part. We need to continue to grow together in prayer, as this is the heartbeat of the church's life. We would encourage more of you to join together on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 6pm for the church prayer meeting.

The need and opportunities for compassionate Christ centered service and outreach in our community are growing. We have already begun to meet Afghan refugees through the street church project. It is possible we also will find Ukrainian refugees beginning to arrive in our area during the coming year where the churches have the opportunity to welcome, befriend, share hospitality and our faith. The expected rises in the cost of living and potential food shortages are going to call for sacrificial living and giving to help others both in our own church community, our mission partners overseas and others who the Lord may bring to us. The rise in mental health across all ages, and continuing homelessness are also set to continue. The call for us all to be witness for Jesus wherever we are does not change, we would love you all to join a group and do the frontlines small group course which helps us to be inspired to live out our faith wherever we are. A group of people are planning to re start Alpha courses to encourage anyone to bring friends who may have an interest in our faith.

We have so much to be thankful to the Lord for who has enabled us by His grace to come through the difficulties of the last few years and still be in good shape to continue Jesus' work.

We also thank you for your faithfulness to Jesus and the family here at MBC which enables it to be a blessing to others. We look forward to growing deeper with you being that beautiful fragrance of Christ in our community and together bearing much fruit for Jesus.

**Much love
Mark and Jane**



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Treasurer's Report

You will see the presentation of our accounts at our AGM, they will also be audited prior to their presentation to the Charity Commission.

This year has seen us accumulate a general fund deficit of £11,709. Our general fund has reduced in the last 12 months from £43,145 to £31,436. This is £3,709 more than the budgeted (anticipated) deficit of £8,000.

Our deficit in 2020/21 was very similar (£11,920). Just £211 more than this year.

Of course, both of the last 2 years have been dominated by covid & it is undoubtedly a significant contributor to the deficits.

Despite it being a very difficult two years for everyone due to the pandemic, our general fund giving has recovered this year after a significant dip in 2020/21 (1st year of the pandemic). It is now close to pre-pandemic levels and indeed slightly higher than 2018/19



2021/22	-	£75,536
2020/21	-	£67,261
2019/20	-	£78,220
2018/19	-	£75,220

Whilst our 2020/21 deficit can be largely attributed to reduced giving, the same cannot be said this year.

The deficit this year has a number of contributing factors. Most notably, the rental arrears accumulated at our Manse by our tenant. In 2021/22 we have not received £5,740 of income that we would have anticipated receiving under normal circumstances. This alone is almost 50% of our deficit and would on its own have made the difference between comfortably meeting our budget, instead of exceeding it.

Nevertheless, despite our deficit we have continued to bless and support those who have found getting through the pandemic particularly difficult. We have spent £3,500 in aid for Nepal and over £3,000 supporting those within our fellowship and in our local community.

Through the generosity of those within our fellowship we have supported the Bags of Hope and Meals From Jesus initiatives that have met local needs through this difficult time.

Not to mention significant funds raised by you all for The Leprosy Mission, BMS Ukraine Appeal and the Uganda Fund.

Our Church continues to faithfully contribute towards the Baptist Mission Society (Home and World Mission) and the In Christ In Schools locally out of our income.

It is our prayer that all these funds will continue to change people's lives and make known Jesus love to the world.

So, we put our future finances in His hands and put our faith in Jesus to continue providing for us as He has already generously done and guide us in our decisions on how the funds we are blessed with are used.

Please continue to hold our finances in your prayers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings

Neil



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Church Administrator

Whatever your current circumstances may be, know that God is working behind the scenes on your behalf crafting a future that you could never imagine.

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

This is one my favourite verses, and this is what I held onto when I knew I was leaving EMBA last year, nearly 9 months ago... how time has flown!

Little did I know that working as Church Administrator was the plan he had for me, infact when I heard that our previous administrator Colleen was leaving, I actually said to my husband 'well, I'm not applying for that!' But God had other ideas!

It is a joy to serve and there's lots of variety which keeps me on my toes, from designing & editing our weekly newsletter, minuting, processing DBS's and safeguarding training, updating our church database and calendar, funerals, general administration tasks and lots more besides.

Communication is definitely a big part of my role, and is an important one at that, whilst it's not perfect, hopefully the changes that have been made this year, and as we learn together, it can only get better. One of those things involves the church newsletter each week, if you don't receive one via email and would like to, then if you let me know I can arrange that. Also, if you are not on the prayer chain and would like to receive those requests via email, then again let me know. It's best to email me on mansbapchurch@gmail.com or fill in one of the welcome cards which are available from the stewards.

Some of the new things that have been implemented in the last year have included a new newsletter and welcome card, using our new logo and colour branding, and there's more to come with a welcome pack, updated website and church email addresses, so watch this space.

For those of you on Facebook, you will have noticed that the church group has had a new injection and a special thanks to Sam for taking this role on. I would encourage you, if you are not in the group to join it, and please engage with the posts for this important online community.

It has been a learning curve, getting to grips with all that is involved in church administration and I want to especially thank Neil for all his ongoing help and support.

As you read the rest of the reports, I am sure that you will agree that God is definitely at work and many are using their talents and gifts, there's always room for more so why not pray as you read them and ask God to open a door for you to serve him in the church.

Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support, and prayers, it means a lot.

Cathy Mumford

Lucy Gell & Paula Skinner

Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare. Psalm 40:5



As we reflect on the past year, how easy it can be to bring to mind the more challenging times we have faced with continued uncertainty of guidance, changing restrictions, and also some difficult family circumstances and personal loss; yet, as we have taken time to stop – with an attitude of gratitude – we have been in awe as we have caught glimpses of God at work, seeing the blessings he has bestowed upon us and the wonders He has done. Even in the shaky times of our lives, we can hold on to the truth that God is unshakable and immovable, a faithful promise keeper and a sure foundation.

WHAT AN AWESOME GOD!

As the Psalm above notes, were we to attempt to tell of all God has done in this report, there would be too many deeds to declare!

Therefore, we have picked out a few of the highlights we have rejoiced over together, before giving further details relating to some of our different groups:

We have to start by sharing our sincere joy - that we are truly blessed to have so many children, families and young people within our family. We love their presence with us but also have been so encouraged this year by their willingness, eagerness and passion to participate in worship, to serve and to use their gifts - and what a gifted bunch they are! It has been wonderful to watch God at work in their lives: we have celebrated new commitments to Jesus that have been made, a baptism and many testimonies that all ages have shared with us of hearing God's voice and experiencing His presence with them in their everyday situations.

We are so thankful to God for the amazing team of people we have who bring a multitude of gifts and who work tirelessly to serve our children, families and young people. We are blessed to have volunteers with skills in different areas so we can make provision for the wide range of ages we have (from 0 – 18) and the different giftings and areas of interest we see developing in our younger members. .

We have also been blessed by so many who continue to encourage us through words of encouragement, practical support and with prayer. Thank you for championing the work, holding our arms up when the going gets tough and for covering the ministry in prayer. We need you all and value each contribution so much – whether it is visible service or behind the scenes

What a privilege it is, in our working life, to have the opportunity to share our passion for Jesus with others and to do what we love – to work with children and young people! In addition to the running of our usual activities, we were blessed to be able to welcome around 80 people at each of our seasonal events this year to build relationships and to share the good news:





Get Set... GROW!

Children & Youth on Sunday mornings

Lucy Gell

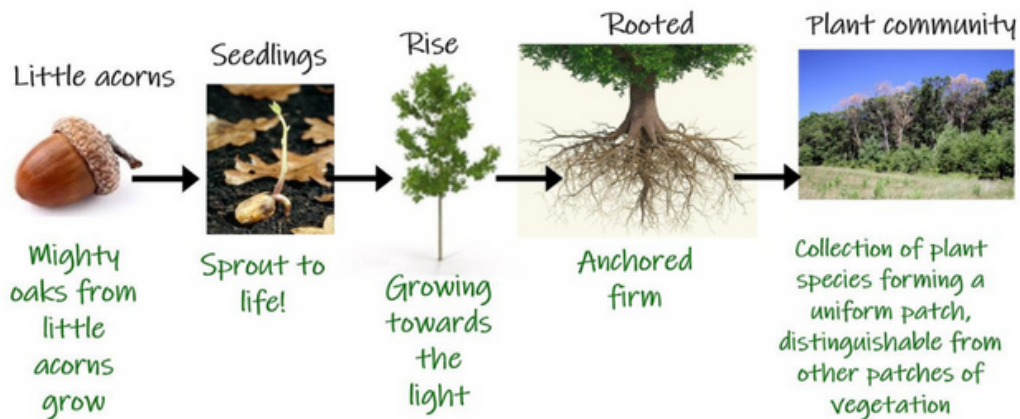
Grow in the grace
and knowledge of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ. To him be glory
both now and forever!

2 Peter 3:18



I can't quite believe it has been two whole years since I wrote the 2020 AGM report which outlined the vision for our Sunday morning groups for children and young people. Given the situation with covid at the time, we were having to delay the implementation of this; however, it is wonderful to be able to share that, within the last year, this has been able to come to fruition (pardon the plant pun!)

You may recall the picture I had, of each child growing from a little acorn to a mighty oak tree, with firm roots in Jesus and strong connections with the wider 'plant' community.



"God's kingdom is like an acorn that a farmer plants. It is quite small as seeds go, but in the course of years it grows into a huge oak tree, and eagles build nests in it." Matthew 13:32 (MSG)

This has been used to inform the structure of our Sunday morning age groups:

- Little Acorns (0-2) Children younger than 3 are encouraged to remain with parents during the
- Seedlings (3 – 6) service and are provided with a story toy sack around a Biblical theme
- Rise (6-10)
- Rooted (11+)

Over the course of the year, we have seen a steady increase in the number of children and young people within our groups and are now really blessed to have 38 registered in addition to a number of under 3s who we look forward to welcoming in the future at the appropriate time.



Our groups seek to have a balance of ingredients within a session to enable the children to have fun, engage and participate together as we learn more about God and seek to grow in our relationship with Him. We try to get a good balance of both education and experience in our activities: we want our children and young people to know about God and the truths of the Bible, but also to develop a relationship with Him that is experiential, coming out of meaningful encounters.

'Chat and Catch' encounter times, a prayer method pioneered by the 'Parenting for Faith' group, forms a key part of our practice. Using prompts and creative resources, we provide space to enable the children to 'chat' and share things with God as well as giving an opportunity to 'catch' or hear from Him. Thanks to the

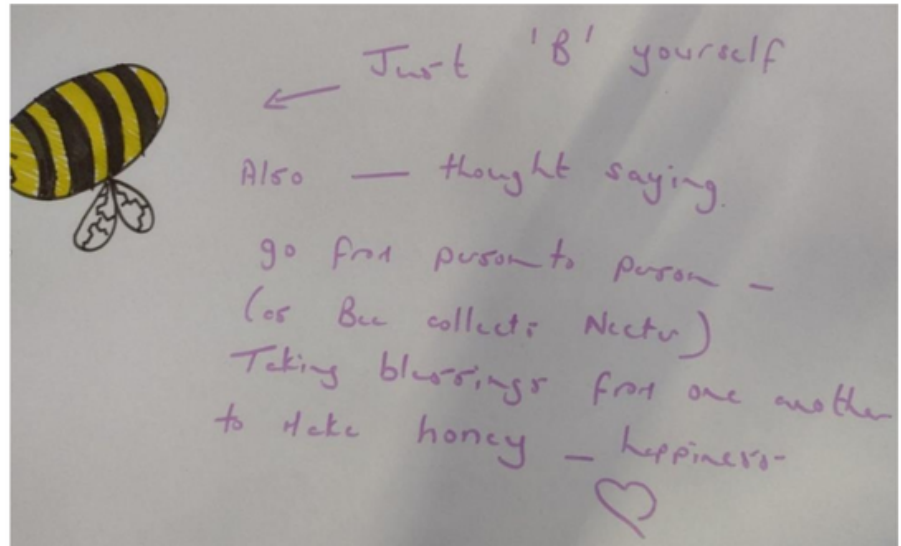
wider congregation for the donations to help build up our bank of resources and for many within the team who worked to create them according to different themes. It is wonderful to be able to report that we are now well equipped to encourage different methods of prayer and even more amazing to hear some of the testimonies of hearing God's voice that have arisen as a result of their use!

Let the love
of Jesus
Pour out...



Listen, follow do
Trust and let
God's peace flow

God listens
to every
word
we
say.



GOD SPEAKS TO US
WHEN SOMETHING WE
ARE GOING TO GO
THROUGH OR WHEN
WE ARE GOING THROUGH
SITUATIONS. HE SPEAKS
TO HELP US. AMEN.

God loves us no matter what

Hearing from God: some of the responses made after the creative encounter time during all age worship

It has to be said that the team— once again — have been incredible throughout the transition back into Sunday morning groups. With covid restrictions and ever-changing guidance, the leaders have had to get to grips with new procedures and undergo extra work to clean materials and organise the space in order to ensure safety. Amidst all of that, they've taken on board new sign in procedures, incorporated the new prayer resources and have implemented the use of a new curriculum. What a dream team! It has been a real joy to see the rooms set up on Sunday mornings full of exciting, well-resourced activities and to see the children and young people coming out of groups with a real buzz of energy and enthusiasm.

Thank you so much for all that you do and my prayer is that God would richly bless you all as you continue to give your time and energy to serve in this way.

0 – 5s

Paula Skinner



In Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus says: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’” It’s all about love.

I have found that people who work with 0–5-year olds and their parents overflow with love. Love is so important. Showing the love of God to those around us is what Jesus commands us to do. Part of loving our neighbour is not only sharing God’s love practically but declaring God’s love with our words.

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus speaks His very last words before ascending to Heaven: “Therefore, 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Jesus calls us to actively go and tell others about the relationship we can have with our Heavenly Father. We can love the socks off people, but if we don’t actively invite them to become friends with God, they’ll never know why we’re loving them.

With this in mind and in line with the vision Lucy and I have for the children, families and youth work I have begun to encourage this in all our groups. I believe that declaring God’s love actively can go hand-in-hand with sharing God’s love practically. We need to share God’s love in order to grow trusting relationships with all who attend the group. And then alongside this, we need to declare God’s love in order for those in the group to hear and receive God’s love and friendship.

First Steps

Looking back to the last report we had just started our new toddler group First Steps. Slowly we have added to our numbers and continued with a booking system. We began building stronger relationships with both children and parents due to this weekly commitment. We have been able to integrate fun, friendship and faith into our group. Each term now has a Godly theme, a mixture of Christian and non-Christian songs and a prayer. We have spent a lot of time supporting and praying for these families through the ever-changing times. It was an enormous step for lots of adults and toddlers to begin mixing again especially those children who had been born during lockdown.



We have been blessed once again with a £300 grant from Councilor Andre Camilleri who attended our Christingle session. We have been able to bless the children with books at Christmas and gifts for both the children and adults at other events during the year. Our latest purchase is a new slide for our weekly sessions.

MBC YOUTH - Lucy Gell



The aims of our work with young people have developed into two main strands:

- To welcome, value and provide a space for young people – that they may experience a sense of belonging and acceptance and would experience God's love for them, encounter Him and grow in their understanding of who He is.
 - To nurture and encourage the young people already within our Church family, enabling them to use and develop their God given gifts.
- We usually meet twice a month during term time, once for a social evening and once to provide an opportunity for the young people to serve.



Youth Social

Each month, we have a social night with different themes, where we have food, fun and games together. At the end of the evening, we share a message and provide an opportunity for encounter, sometimes using our creative prayer resources. It has been wonderful to meet new young people this year as many in our group have brought friends and others have heard about us and have joined from the community; we usually have up to 15 in attendance. It has been a tremendous privilege to see God at work in

lives as new commitments have been made and many have responded to prayer ministry. Please continue to pray for us – for each young person on their own journey of faith and for all the team as we seek to support, love and guide the group in this important responsibility of discipleship.

Our trips throughout the year have been a highlight. Pizza in the Park and Go Karting were great fun and helped deepen our relationships but without a doubt, the 'Dreaming the Impossible Road trip' event at Trent Vineyard in Nottingham earned the top spot! We gathered together with young people from many other Churches to worship, hear from God's word and to enjoy a silent disco. After such an amazing time and having experienced powerful encounters with God, the young people are now eager and hoping to be able to attend the Summer residential event.



DTI Road Trip in Nottm.

Youth Serve

Our Serve evenings invite and encourage our young people to use their gifts and talents in the wider Church. It has been a real blessing to incorporate their musical, artistic, public speaking, reading and more 'behind the scenes' talents into our Sunday morning all age worship services and to see these develop. Their love for one another, encouragement for newer members and thoughtfulness have been inspiring to see. Thank you to everyone who has supported me and each young person in our care; you're all so appreciated.

Mini Messy Church



Once First Steps was up and running, I was aware of the gap between Sunday groups and toddlers. Messy church has also been successful so now it was the time to try it with toddlers. We have been running monthly since October 2021 and have been sharing a bible story (Creation, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, the birth of Jesus (Christmas session), Joseph and an Easter session) with messy crafts linked to each one. Many families have been attending from toddler group most of them with no former church contact. From this we have had lots of positive feedback such as parents watching the Christian songs on YouTube at home to lots of these families joining us for our Breakfast & Christmas service and Easter Trail Event.

Wonderfully Made

Wonderfully Made is our small group for parents with children aged between 0-4 years. We started this in November with the aim of sharing our Christian faith in a friendly way while running various courses. The first course was seven sessions each with a short video filled with advice and encouragement for parents. We have just begun our next course called Parentalk by Care for the Family.



Parents Bible Study



We have continued to meet weekly on zoom due to this fitting around the life of busy parents trying to get their children to bed and being short of time. We have done the Alpha course and more recently a series called Be Still. This had very practical challenges for our faith which we all enjoyed. Probably the best part of our time together each week is sharing what God is doing in our life's and supporting each other in prayer throughout the week.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the work of the under 5's, you make it a joy for me to serve the Lord in this place. Paula x

12-13 Worship & Prayer

To worship God is to humble everything about ourselves and exalt everything about him.

BOB KAUFMAN



How powerful are these words? How challenging, yet they spoke to me with Gods love, that wherever, or whatever our circumstances, we find ourselves ... He's with us, standing with us, enabling us to worship and praise. What amazing love and Grace.

The worship team have gone through an interesting journey, both during covid and post covid and its lockdowns, social distancing, limited singers and musicians, but we are working together to move forward.

Through the last year we have welcomed new members to our team, which has been amazing both to the musical side and the technical side, and we are hoping others would like to join this exciting journey of giving to our heavenly father with our gifts He has given us.

Vision

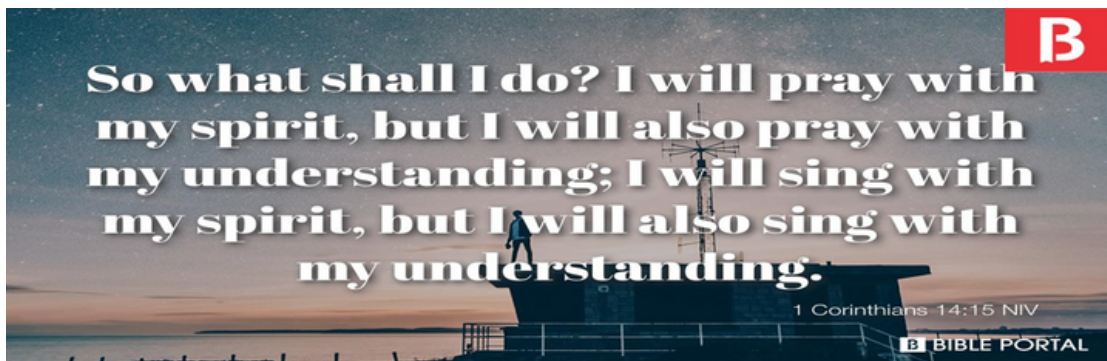
Over the past few weeks God has shown me the importance of all-inclusive worship for all ages. Children and young people, the new people we are getting through our doors, the new families, our older members all worshipping together, surely this will be as it is heaven all worshipping with one voice, to our amazing loving heavenly father and His son our Saviour our Lord Jesus.

Aims

- Our aims are to follow a format of- New, Favourite, and Older songs each service.
- This means introducing contemporary worship songs alongside those we love, our favourites, and then a traditional song or hymn.
- To develop the team in new and exciting ways with one aim to -Glorify God only
- To be a welcoming team continuing to move forward and break through by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To listen to God our heavenly father for His guidance in all things.

**"Worship isn't about the people.
Worship isn't even about the music.
Worship is about giving God the
honor and glory he deserves."**





Developments

We have now developed three service styles.

1. Morning Praise and Worship.
2. Get Set -Family and Youth
3. Traditional worship -Evening Communion

What a blessing we have as church family, to have the energy and enthusiasm of the youth and children involved.

Refresh and Blessing

We hope to launch this as soon as possible as it had to be put on hold because of Covid.

It will be an evening for the team (worship/tech) to come together to strengthen our relationships both with each other and our heavenly father.

To also pray for each other and to worship and praise together.

If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Jane, Mark, or Spro.

We are committed to practise every Thursday 7pm

As you know we meet each morning for prayer and worship between 4 to 8 people come faithfully some are new to church and it's such a blessing to see them .

The new format for the monthly church prayer meeting is going well, it's certainly not boring and time seems to fly by .

There is always room for improvement and I would encourage more people to come as it should be an integral part of our Christian life praying together as a church family!

Steve Pickering



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Tech Team

We are pleased to welcome Richard and John to the tech team and still look forward to adding further members to ensure media and sound facilities are available whenever needed.



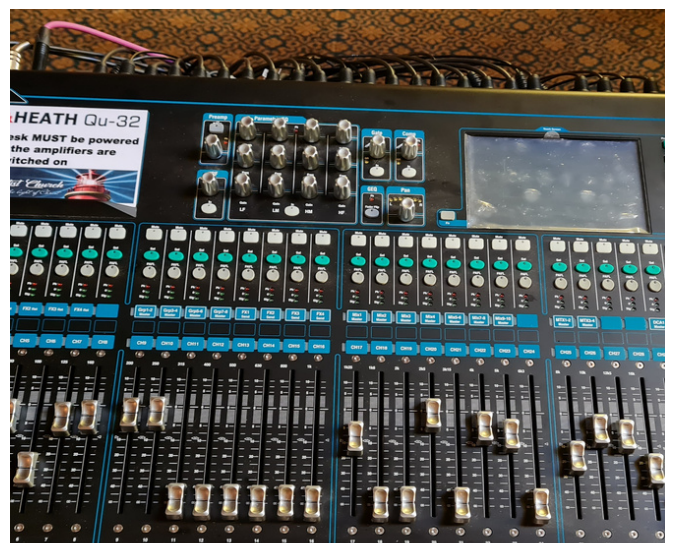
The media equipment has been upgraded to allow one computer to provide the data for streaming as well as the in-house presentation and further upgrades are in hand to allow unique video distribution to all screens. It is planned to provide video and sound coverage of the services in the old office when it has been cleared and refurbished, to allow parents to join in the worship if they are concerned with their toddlers not settling.

Unfortunately, the big screen in the church failed a few weeks ago and has had to be replaced which involved some major rewiring.

There is not much to say about the audio as the new sound desk is performing well and we are learning more and more about it. With the facilities of the desk, we are providing settings for various groups to be able to use the sound without needing to have a member of the tech team present.

As said at the beginning of this report, we are still looking for more support on the tech side, the work is very interesting, challenging and can be great fun to be part of the team. We need you!

Colin, Geoff & Sam



15 -16 Study Groups

The first thing to report is that we are moving forward in small steps on the DMM pathway. This is encouraging and we continue to be amazed at how God is making us a multi-cultural body here in MBC.

While it is true to say that most of the groups are still meeting online, we are seeing a gradual shift back to a gathering together in person. Each group monitors this for themselves, making their own arrangements that suits their individual needs.

The newest of the groups are all choosing to meet in person.

So- a look back to give thanks and a look forward:



For our Advent reflection in 2021, we studied together Krish Kandiah's "A Strange Christmas"

Familiar scriptures looked at in a new way to help us recapture the wonder of the season of Christ's birth.

Learning from the generations of God's people who waited for the Messiah; considering the challenge of hospitality; grasping the wisdom of God's strange plan of salvation.

Through Lent this year we have studied a booklet called 'A Passion for Christ' which has taken us through the letters to the Corinthians that Paul wrote.

We have looked at how we can turn difficult times into opportunities to share our dependence on God; how we can witness through suffering; how we need to pray for one another with passion.



We have been challenged to live with renewed passion for Christ, "spreading the aroma of Christ" and "shining with the light of Christ" through all our experiences of life.

Between the main sessions of Advent and Lent, the individual groups have worked through many courses as well as individual books of the Bible: personal choices for what the group needs.

Our Coopers group studied Titus and were surprised at how much there was in it. A 'book' of only 2 pages in the Bible but don't be fooled! There is 5 weeks or more of deep study and we have made available our notes for anyone wanting to study Titus individually or in a group setting.

We thank God not only for His word but also for the men and women who write these courses and devotional material that is available to help us in our studies and on our journeys. God has used their gifts to help us learn and to challenge us.

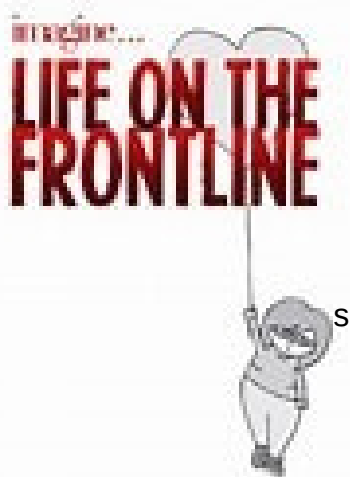
As we look forward, you may be interested to know about the groups already meeting. The Monday afternoon group which is held at Church was initially set up for the period of the Advent studies only. However this group has continued to meet weekly and is now facilitated by Neil and Elaine AND it has tripled in size since starting. Hallelujah!

A new group has started since Lent which is 'Ladies Only' -so please speak to Jeannette Denton if you wish to join them.

Paula continues to work with parents to encourage them and help them grow in faith.

Eight other groups meet on various days - all at different times ; some weekly- some fortnightly.

Corina is starting a new group in June which will be for the Romanian speaking ladies. Another Hallelujah!



The current study material is “Life On The Frontline”.

This is an LICC course over 6 weeks and aims to help us understand how God uses us exactly where we are – where He has placed us – on our Frontline.

One of the wonderful things about being a disciple is that God takes our strengths, personalities and situations and uses them for His purposes. God will already have used you on your Frontline – even if you have not been fully aware of it!

This Frontline course will help us recognise our own Frontline, help us understand how God can use us there, encourage us to help one another with the challenges on our individual Frontlines and show us the relevance of the Bible as we serve where God has placed us.

There is always room for more people to join in these groups and there is always the option for new groups to set up, especially as we are growing as a family.

We all need spaces to ask questions about life as well as the Bible. We all need a safe place to ask for help and prayer. We all need a laugh as we find out about one another. (Coopers group is renowned for including the topic of chunky Kit Kats in just about every study! I wonder who loves them???)

Whatever we study together, fellowship has deepened through these times and friendships have been both found and strengthened. Our knowledge has been expanded and God, in His grace, continues to both challenge us and transform us.

Hebrews 4 v 12 “The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart.”

Elizabeth Cooper

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Pastoral



At the beginning of lockdown in March 2020 the leadership organised 'telepastors'. This was a way of keeping in touch with everyone, when we couldn't meet together. Telepastors had a group of people who they phoned or contacted to check everyone was ok. Now we are able to meet, we are still maintaining this system of caring for each other. We are aware it is a process and we need to reassess regularly. We are a church family and like any family, we care for each other.

It is wonderful that so many of the church groups have reopened and we are able to meet up again (almost) normally.

Please do feel free to have a chat with myself or one of the leadership team if you have any worries or needs, or indeed if you just want to know more about the telepastor scheme.

Also, if you know of anyone from the fellowship who is in hospital, please let us know and we can arrange a visit or ask the chaplain at the hospital to visit.

Dorcas Burnett



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Mission Report

As a church we continue to support Baptist World Mission and Home Mission. David Ardron is our representative and keeps in touch with our missionaries. We look forward to a visit from Claire Bedford on June 5th when she will tell us more of what is happening in Chad. Lunch at the church afterwards will give us greater opportunity to chat with her.

David has also been fundraising for friends in Uganda. Pastor Philip Lotimong has used the funds in resourcing the children at the orphanage and school as well as the work of the community centre. Pastor Philip also continues David's work of leadership training. We are glad to be able to support this fellowship through David.

During the year Chhahari Nepal has supported families in need in many remote districts by providing basic foodstuff. They have also helped with roofing and rebuilding homes affected by wind, fire and flood. Once the schools started again they have provided training for the nursery teachers and resources for educational play. We were delighted to hear the deputy mayor reverse his negative opinion of a Christian charity, and thank them for all the good work they have been doing.

Milan and Sangeeta, currently residing in Pokhara, have finally been invited to the graduation ceremony for their Master's degree in theology. Many thanks to the church for supporting them through the three years of study. This year they have been supporting their local church, but ask our prayers for their future ministry.

Street church at Oaktree Lane estate with Empire Street and Life Church has continued each Friday afternoon. We provide bags of basic food for 24 homes each week and from this two homes have opened up for Bible study and witness so far. We also provide coffee tea and soup under the gazebo along with yesterday's supplies of sandwiches and pastries freely donated by Greggs. Sausage rolls are usually popular! As they listen to the gospel each week we have seen a softening amongst the regular attenders and we continue to pray for them to know the Lord. Our thanks to those who give the word, take the Bible studies and provide the transport each week. We have welcomed two ladies from street church into Renew wellbeing, who now come regularly.

Mansfield Town centre on Friday mornings is where you could find Steve Pickering and Jeanette Denton spreading the good news of Jesus to the local shoppers. They have continued faithfully through the year sometimes joined by others from other churches and from ours, but often just the two of them. Some of those they have spoken to and prayed for have come to church, including Richard who was baptised recently.

We thank the Lord for each one involved in the mission of our church, for those who give their time and energy as well as those who support financially and in prayer. Thank you all.

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Mission Updates from Jeanette (Our CYM Student)



Street Church is going well, God is really at work in the Oaktree residential estate!

There is a good number of people who attend and actually look forward to us (The God Squad) coming each week. We have recently started bible study with a few of the attendees in two of the homes on the estate, and one lady as given her life to Jesus, two other people have asked for bibles. God is breaking through. it's just so amazing.

It really is a privilege to work alongside and build relationships with this community, showing them God's love and provision

Evangelism in town is going really well too!

We are having some great conversations with people and praying with lots, building relationships with the market traders and local community, singing and praising Jesus in the bus stop with the locals, and bringing such a Christian presence to mansfield. God is at work !!!



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Bags of Hope



We have seen a change this year in the need for the full 'bags of hope' that feed the family for a week for every meal.

We have only had a few requests for these from Queen Elizabeth School and a referral via another minister. Instead, it has been more of a blessing bag that we have been called upon to provide for people who have recently moved or are having a hard time. These bags have a mixture of things for a few meals and lunches but are mainly store cupboard items tins and jars.

We had a large delivery from Queen Elizabeth school in December of these things which kept us going until February.

We have been able to bless a few families brought to our attention with emergency food shops, one of which was a referral from Butterfly, the local refuge for people escaping abuse.

We also supported a family referred by Lucy, over a 3 month period, with a shop once a month. As well as people arriving at church looking for help with food. We have been blessed with a money gift of £40.00 which enabled us to top the cupboard up, and a large blessing from Sam of food for the cupboard to go in outreach bags on oaktree and the blessing bags.

Each week we make up 24 bags with food in which is distributed on a Friday at Street Church.

Daniel has been helping each Thursday evening over a 6 month period towards his Duke of Edinburgh award. In these bags are usually a loaf of bread, something to make a meal, like 200gm of pasta, and a pasta sauce, a tin of beans or soup, 16 tea bags, and a packet of biscuits.

These are well received each week at Street Church on oaktree and once a month Ash has arranged a Fairshare food delivery which has allsorts in it. Sue sorts these out and we plan a meal around whatever comes. On the Easter week, we were also blessed with 21 Easter eggs which went in the bags as well.

We thank all the team who help with these bags and step in and shop when the need arises, and the continued financial giving that makes it all possible.

Mathew Niv 25 40

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Elaine Harrison

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BMS Church Partners



Claire Bedford is our BMS Link missionary working as a pharmacist at the Guinebor II Hospital, on the outskirts of N'Djamena, the capital of Chad.

The hospital welcomes many patients from all over N'Djamena, the rest of Chad, and from neighbouring countries. This demonstrates the confidence people have in the care the hospital gives. Please pray that this is a great witness to the patients of the love of Jesus in action. At the end of January the hospital had their annual board meetings, when many things were reviewed concerning the running of the hospital. It was a joy to give God praise for what had been accomplished. This included 14,000 people seen in the outpatient clinic, 5,000 people seen in the emergency room, the 1,949 babies born, and 65,000 lab tests performed. The hospital staff give God the glory. The hospital is His work and they see it as a privilege to be part of it.

The Ethiopian chaplain recounted some of the many lives he has spoken Truth into and shared exciting news of people coming to faith. Becoming a Christian from the majority faith is almost always extremely dangerous. Claire asks prayer for our new brothers and sisters as they walk in the way of Truth, often at great personal cost.

Claire is grateful for those who support the BMS mission workers at Guinebor, and those who support the various grants that BMS sends the hospital each year. One such grant is enabling the 'Senior Management Drugs Fund'. As pharmacist, Claire will take the lead on this. The idea is for the hospital to procure a three months' supply of medicines with the money, then the money generated by the hospital with the sale of these supplies will be kept to buy the next three months' worth. This should lead the hospital away from the current method of stock procurement which relies on credit and the good will of the suppliers. Claire is asking for prayer regarding this. It is likely to be, in Claire's own words, 'a right headache' or 'brain-melter'!

Towards the close of 2021 Claire spent 13 days in quarantine as a result of Covid. She is grateful not to have any long-lasting effects.

Claire says we can praise God that the internet worked well during the board meetings (they were hybrid in-person and Zoom) and that they were able to reflect on all God has been doing at the hospital during 2021. Praise can also be given for the grant from BMS to start the revolving drugs fund, and that she has no long-lasting effects after having Covid.

PRAYER POINTS

- Prayers are asked for the Senior Management Team as they manage the hospital on a day-to-day basis, and also think about the future and what God wants them to be doing.
- For new believers from the majority faith, as they live out their faith as Issa (Jesus) followers in a land where leaving their family's faith can have serious consequences.
- For Claire as she tries to set up the revolving drugs fund, for wisdom and abundant patience.
- For Claire's travel plans. She is due to visit the UK shortly after this report is published.
- For the country of Chad as it continues through its 18 months transition period since the president died and the military transition council took over. Pray that wisdom and justice will reign in the hearts and minds of both military and civilians involved in the transition.

Claire thanks us for our ongoing interest in and the support of Guinebor II Hospital. Our support is very much appreciated. Claire issues a prayer letter every few months which is available via email. If you would like to be added to the list, please email me at davidardron456@hotmail.com asking to be put on Claire's mailing list.

Claire is due to visit our Sunday morning service on 5th June. We are looking forward to seeing her. **David Ardron**

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Recovery

'Heal me Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.'
Jeremiah 17 v14

The Recovery Course follows a set of 12 spiritual steps which puts Christ at the heart of recovery. The course recognises that our destructive habits may be a consequence of pain, hurt, broken relationships, loneliness or perhaps an issue from childhood. Consequently, the course encourages self-understanding and allows God to heal damaged emotions as we find a greater knowledge of His love for us and as we deepen our relationship with Him. Often this gives healing with greater peace and hope for those involved in the course as they seek to restore relationships or perhaps break the chains of obsessions or addictions.

Recovery groups may take place in face to face small groups or with individuals via zoom depending on an individual's circumstance. Each participant is encouraged to personally spend time reflecting and answering a series of questions, some of which they may feel they wish to share with others in the group and this goes hand in hand with prayer for the individual. Most of the face to face sessions take place on Mondays and therefore, because of confidentiality purposes, we are grateful if the church is not used by others during 9am until 2.15pm on these Mondays.

Recovery sessions have been valuable to the leaders and participants alike. It has been a great source of encouragement to see how lives can be transformed by an atmosphere where renewal and healing can occur, as the Lord meets us in our need and raises our expectations of what He can do. As a shared recovery group it is essential to adhere to agreed guidelines and a commitment from each person attending. Confidentiality being a crucial part of this. In addition, the guidelines include maintaining an environment where non-judgemental attitudes, unconditional love, acceptance and respect can be embraced. Consequently this leads to a safe place for sharing being created, where leaders listen under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We recognise that the Lord alone is able to heal and restore and therefore we recognise the need to soak every meeting in prayer, both within meetings and during the rest of the week. We would greatly value your prayers for the recovery sessions too.

If you would like to know more about recovery, please ask **Bronwen, Fiona or Spro.**



**THE
RECOVERY
COURSE**

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RenewWellbeing

We thank God that we have been able to meet most Thursdays from 10 am to 1.30pm during this past year. From being limited to 15 attenders because of Covid restrictions, we are now able to accommodate more people and have been glad to welcome newcomers.

We meet in the hall area for our activities and chat. There is the Quiet Room for prayer, but for our midday prayers we appreciate the extra space in the church and while there is no pressure for people to join in, nearly everyone values the time for quiet reflection centred around praying the Lord's Prayer. The team begins and ends each session with prayer which is a real blessing and helps us to continue in a prayerful attitude during the day.

People have commented on how much they appreciate coming on a Thursday – for many it is the highlight of the week and a reason to get up in the morning and get out of the house. We seek to provide a loving welcome and a friendly atmosphere and a safe space for people to find renewal emotionally, mentally and spiritually. We praise God for the positive benefits we see and for new people finding acceptance where it's OK not to be OK.

The hosts give valuable time and commitment each week and we are especially grateful for those who help set up the tables and clear up, and to Sue and the kitchen team who provide us with coffee, tea and a nutritious lunch.

We miss Daira's cheerful presence and energy but are glad to see a steady stream of helpers in the kitchen. To all involved we say a big 'Thankyou'.

We appreciate the support of Ruth Rice, our national leader, and Sarah Fegredo our Eastern Area Rep, and have been glad to welcome visits from interested folk in the locality who are investigating the process of setting up their own Renew Wellbeing spaces or wanting to find out more.

To God be the glory.

Brenda and Derek Rumbol and Team.

Quiet shared
spaces
where it's OK
not to be OK



END OF YEAR
FINANCIAL
STATEMENT
31ST MARCH 2022

Mansfield Baptist Church

- **Introduction**

The information in these accounts have been transferred from ‘Finance Co-Ordinator’ and reconciled with bank statements. The accounts were examined by Mr P Henderson on 23rd June 2022 as per the attached statement.

They have been approved by the Church at the Annual General Meeting.

Receipts and Payments Account

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
2nd Property	—	100
BMS Birthday	543	390
BMS World Mission	—	20
Chhahari Nepal	130	157
Children & Families Pastor	13,328	11,113
Children & Families Pastor - Resources	10	—
Church Maintenance	—	16,033
Church Services	100	—
Collections	23,111	18,362
Conferences	370	400
Donations - Des	2,735	20,430
Donations - Res	4,945	5,020
Donations - Unr	327	35,056
Expenses Income	588	—
Fellowship Fund	1,313	4,437
Gift Aid	52,425	48,899
Legacy	—	21,380
Lettings	265	1,629
Manse Maintenance	—	(45)
Minister's Community	2,473	6,687
Mission	314	901
Sundries	117	1
Tax Refunds	13,363	14,710
Uganda Fund	1,707	—
Winter Shelter	1,009	384
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<u>119,180</u>	<u>206,068</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Donations - Heat & Lighting	170	—
Little Explorers	1,180	—
Toddlers Own	—	300
Welcome Break Own	—	14
<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	<u>1,350</u>	<u>314</u>
Other incoming resources		
Manse Income	2,124	4,599
<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	<u>2,124</u>	<u>4,599</u>
Total Receipts	122,655	210,982
Payments		
Cost of generating funds		
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income</i>		

2nd Property	1,996	410
Donations - Designated	2,565	1,958
Donations - Restricted	7,681	9,932
Fellowship Fund	3,628	10,313
Manse Maintenance	—	1,398
Manse Sale & Purchase	—	784
Uganda Fund	1,400	—
Winter Shelter	523	3,424
<i>Total Cost of generating voluntary income</i>	<u>17,796</u>	<u>28,222</u>
Charitable activities		
BMPF	10,340	8,535
BMS Birthday	563	948
BMS Contributions	4,800	4,800
Books	987	820
Chhahari Nepal	120	267
Children & Families Pastor	15,663	13,839
Church Insurance	3,766	3,498
Church Maintenance	4,558	5,697
Church Services	766	6,170
Cleaning & Kitchen Supplies	1,079	181
Coffee Shop	216	3,523
Conferences	1,616	—
Electricity	9,502	7,114
Gas	338	121
HMF Contributions	4,800	4,800
HMRC	4,967	5,338
ICIS Gifts	2,400	2,400
Little Explorers	654	—
Manse Allowance	9,612	9,612
Manse Insurance	261	—
Manse Phone	—	39
Minister's Community	3,637	5,854
Mission	2,012	1,998
Music	871	1,145
Phone and BB Church	1,108	1,087
Photocopier	1,530	1,075
Printing & Stationery	1,169	1,572
Publicity	221	521
Stipend & Salaries	28,874	31,044
Subscriptions & Copyright	3,921	3,618
Sundries	117	—
Team Expenses & Resources	1,454	540
Toddlers Own	474	623
Training	451	—
Vintage Club	49	—
Welcome Break Own	60	—
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<u>122,968</u>	<u>126,789</u>
Other resources used		
Slessor Insurance Repairs	15,850	127
<i>Total Other resources used</i>	<u>15,850</u>	<u>127</u>
Total Payments	<u>156,615</u>	<u>155,139</u>
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(33,959)	55,842
Brought forward balance	4,705,445	4,708,769
Transfers to/(from)	—	—
Adjustments	495,917	(59,166)
Carried forward balance	<u>5,167,402</u>	<u>4,705,445</u>

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
FA001	Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	4,125,616	3,720,165
FA002	Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	207,538	187,142
FA003	Pipe Organ in Church	540,854	487,701
FA004	Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	215,917	199,000
	Total Fixed assets	5,089,925	4,594,008
Current assets			
CA001	Bank current account	74,295	106,818
CA002	Deposit account	—	—
CA003	Bond 9mths	—	—
CA004	COIF accounts	1,035	1,034
CA005	Petty Cash	—	—
CA006	Minister,s Community A/C	1,174	2,338
CA007	Toddler,s Own A/C	48	523
CA008	Vintage Club A/c	—	49
CA009	Welcome Break Own A/C	(64)	(4)
CA010	Coffee Shop A/c	—	216
CA011	Power Pack Own A/C	19	19
CA012	Holiday Drop-in A/C	34	34
CA013	Youth Drop-in A/C	934	408
CA014	Baby Talk A/C	—	—
	Total Current assets	77,477	111,437
Liabilities			
LIA001	Underpaid Electricity	—	—
LIA002	Unpaid specified funds	—	—
LIA003	Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	—
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	5,167,402	4,705,445
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(33,959)	—
Z01	Starting balances	4,705,445	4,764,611
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	495,917	(59,166)
Z03	Gains and losses own use	—	—
	Total Reserves	5,167,402	4,705,445
Represented by funds			
	Unrestricted	81,180	108,907
	Designated	18,396	22,420
	Restricted	5,067,826	4,574,118
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	5,167,402	4,705,445

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	—	—	4,125,616	—	4,125,616	3,720,165
Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	—	—	207,538	—	207,538	187,142
Pipe Organ in Church	—	—	540,854	—	540,854	487,701
Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	—	—	215,917	—	215,917	199,000
Totals	—	—	5,089,925	—	5,089,925	4,594,008

Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand

Bank current account	80,228	18,396	(24,329)	—	74,295	106,818
Totals	80,145	18,396	(22,098)	—	76,442	110,402
Current assets - Investments						
Deposit account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bond 9mths	—	—	—	—	—	—
COIF accounts	1,035	—	—	—	1,035	1,034
Totals	1,035	—	—	—	1,035	1,034
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Petty Cash	(500)	—	500	—	—	—
Minister,s Community A/C	—	—	1,174	—	1,174	2,338
Toddler,s Own A/C	365	—	(316)	—	48	523
Vintage Club A/c	—	—	—	—	—	49
Welcome Break Own A/C	—	—	(64)	—	(64)	(4)
Coffee Shop A/c	—	—	—	—	—	216
Power Pack Own A/C	—	—	19	—	19	19
Holiday Drop-in A/C	10	—	24	—	34	34
Youth Drop-in A/C	41	—	893	—	934	408
Baby Talk A/C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	80,145	18,396	(22,098)	—	76,442	110,402
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Underpaid Electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unpaid specified funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	81,180	18,396	5,067,826	—	5,167,402	4,705,445

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
BF - BMS Birthday Fund						
Restricted	20	543	563	—	—	—
Sub-total for BF	20	543	563	—	—	—
BMS - BMS World Mission						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BMS	—	—	—	—	—	—
BT - Own A/C Baby Talk						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BT	—	—	—	—	—	—
CS - Own A/C Coffee Shop						
Restricted	216	—	216	—	—	—
Sub-total for CS	216	—	216	—	—	—
FA - Fixed Assets						
Restricted	4,594,008	—	—	—	495,917	5,089,925
Sub-total for FA	4,594,008	—	—	—	495,917	5,089,925
FB - Foodbank						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for FB	0	—	—	—	—	0
FF - Fellowship Fund						
Restricted	(3,948)	1,313	3,178	—	—	(5,812)
Sub-total for FF	(3,948)	1,313	3,178	—	—	(5,812)
FFN - Own A/C Family Fun N						
Restricted	(308)	—	—	308	—	—
Sub-total for FFN	(308)	—	—	308	—	—

FW - Family Worker						
Designated	3,918	13,338	15,663	—	—	1,592
Restricted	(758)	—	—	—	—	(758)
Sub-total for FW	3,160	13,338	15,663	—	—	834
HMF - BUGB Home Mission Fu						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HMF	—	—	—	—	—	—
INF - INF						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for INF	0	—	—	—	—	0
LE - Own A/C Little Explo						
Restricted	408	1,180	654	—	—	934
Sub-total for LE	408	1,180	654	—	—	934
LH - Light House						
Designated	112	—	—	—	—	112
Restricted	(112)	—	—	—	—	(112)
Sub-total for LH	0	—	—	—	—	0
MCA - Own A/C Ministers Fe						
Restricted	2,338	2,473	3,637	—	—	1,174
Sub-total for MCA	2,338	2,473	3,637	—	—	1,174
MIT - Minister in Training						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for MIT	0	—	—	—	—	0
Miss - Mission						
Designated	(1,028)	314	2,012	—	—	(2,726)
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for Miss	(1,027)	314	2,012	—	—	(2,725)
PC - Preg. Crisis						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for PC	0	—	—	—	—	0
PD - Property development						
Designated	13,207	—	—	—	—	13,207
Restricted	(13,207)	—	—	—	—	(13,207)
Sub-total for PD	0	—	—	—	—	0
PN - Parish Nurse						
Designated	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for PN	0	—	—	—	—	0
PP - Power Pack						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PP	—	—	—	—	—	—
SHI - Shine						
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for SHI	0	—	—	—	—	0
SP - Sue Personal						
Designated	269	—	—	—	—	269
Restricted	(268)	—	—	—	—	(268)
Sub-total for SP	0	—	—	—	—	0
SS - Chhahari Nepal						
Designated	50	—	—	—	—	50
Restricted	(49)	130	120	—	—	(39)
Sub-total for SS	0	130	120	—	—	10
TOA - Own A/C Toddlers						
Restricted	523	—	474	—	—	48
Sub-total for TOA	523	—	474	—	—	48
UG - Uganda Fund						
Restricted	654	1,707	1,400	—	—	962
Sub-total for UG	654	1,707	1,400	—	—	962

VC - Own A/C Vintage Club							
Restricted	49	—	49	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for VC	49	—	49	—	—	—	—
WB - Welcome Break							
Restricted	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
Sub-total for WB	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
WBO - Own A/C Welcome Brea							
Restricted	60	—	60	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for WBO	60	—	60	—	—	—	—
WS - Winter Shelter							
Restricted	384	1,009	523	—	—	—	870
Sub-total for WS	384	1,009	523	—	—	—	870
YDI - Youth Drop-in							
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for YDI	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
YW - Youth Worker							
Designated	5,777	—	—	—	—	—	5,777
Restricted	(5,776)	—	—	—	—	—	(5,776)
Sub-total for YW	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
td - TODDLERS							
Designated	115	—	—	—	—	—	115
Restricted	(114)	—	—	—	—	—	(114)
Sub-total for td	0	—	—	—	—	—	0
General - General fund							
Unrestricted	108,907	100,645	128,063	(308)	—	—	81,180
Sub-total for General	108,907	100,645	128,063	(308)	—	—	81,180
Grand total	4,705,445	122,655	156,615	—	495,917	5,167,402	

Analysis of receipts and payments

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
IN001 - Gift Aid	52,425	—	—	—	52,425	48,899
IN002 - Collections	23,111	—	—	—	23,111	18,362
IN003 - Donations - Unr	327	—	—	—	327	35,056
IN004 - Lettings	265	—	—	—	265	1,629
IN005 - INF	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN006 - Sundries	117	—	—	—	117	1
IN007 - Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN008 - Property Development	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN009 - BMS Birthday	—	—	543	—	543	390
IN010 - BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—	20
IN011 - BUGB Home Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN012 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	130	—	130	157
IN013 - Children & Families Pastor	—	13,328	—	—	13,328	11,113
IN016 - Mission	—	314	—	—	314	901
IN019 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN021 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN022 - Tax Refunds	13,363	—	—	—	13,363	14,710
IN023 - Sue Personal	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN026 - Minister's Community	—	—	2,473	—	2,473	6,687
IN033 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN035 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN036 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN037 - Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	21,380
IN038 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN040 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—

IN042 - Conferences	370	—	—	—	370	400
IN044 - Donations - Des	2,735	—	—	—	2,735	20,430
IN045 - Donations - Res	4,945	—	—	—	4,945	5,020
IN046 - Church Services	100	—	—	—	100	—
IN050 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN051 - Winter Shelter	—	—	1,009	—	1,009	384
IN052 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN053 - Fellowship Fund	—	—	1,313	—	1,313	4,437
IN054 - Church Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	16,033
IN055 - Supply	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN056 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN057 - Manse Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	(45)
IN058 - Expenses Income	588	—	—	—	588	—
IN059 - Donations - Photocopier	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN061 - Uganda Fund	—	—	1,707	—	1,707	—
IN062 - Children & Families Pastor - Resources	—	10	—	—	10	—
IN063 - 2nd Property	—	—	—	—	—	100
Total	98,350	13,652	7,177	—	119,180	206,068

Incoming resources from charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
IN014 - Light House	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN015 - Minister in Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN017 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN018 - Preg Crisis	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN020 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN024 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN025 - Toddlers Own	—	—	—	—	—	300
IN027 - Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN028 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	—	—	—	14
IN029 - Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN030 - Impact Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN031 - Family Fun Night	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN032 - Little Explorers	—	—	1,180	—	1,180	—
IN039 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN041 - Other Salaries Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN043 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN047 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN048 - Donations - Heat & Lighting	170	—	—	—	170	—
IN060 - NCC Supplies - Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	170	—	1,180	—	1,350	314

Other incoming resources

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
IN034 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN049 - Manse Income	2,124	—	—	—	2,124	4,599
Total	2,124	—	—	—	2,124	4,599

INCOME TOTAL	100,645	13,652	8,358	—	122,655	210,982
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Cost of generating funds

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP056 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP077 - Interim Minister	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP082 - Travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP069 - Winter Shelter	—	—	523	—	523	3,424
EXP070 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP072 - Nepal Earthquake	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP073 - Donations - Restricted	7,681	—	—	—	7,681	9,932
EXP074 - Fellowship Fund	450	—	3,178	—	3,628	10,313
EXP075 - Dishwasher	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP076 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP078 - Donations - Designated	2,565	—	—	—	2,565	1,958
EXP079 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP080 - Manse Allowances	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP081 - Manse Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	1,398
EXP084 - Uganda Fund	—	—	1,400	—	1,400	—
EXP085 - Manse Sale & Purchase	—	—	—	—	—	784
EXP086 - 2nd Property	1,996	—	—	—	1,996	410
Total	12,694	—	5,101	—	17,796	28,222

Charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP001 - Stipend & Salaries	28,874	—	—	—	28,874	31,044
EXP002 - HMRC	4,967	—	—	—	4,967	5,338
EXP003 - BMPF	10,340	—	—	—	10,340	8,535
EXP004 - Team Expenses & Resources	1,454	—	—	—	1,454	540
EXP005 - Supply - Speakers	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP006 - Manse Allowance	9,612	—	—	—	9,612	9,612
EXP007 - Manse Insurance	261	—	—	—	261	—
EXP008 - Manse Fuel	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP009 - Manse Phone	—	—	—	—	—	39
EXP010 - Church Insurance	3,766	—	—	—	3,766	3,498
EXP011 - Gas	338	—	—	—	338	121
EXP012 - Electricity	9,502	—	—	—	9,502	7,114
EXP013 - Cleaning & Kitchen Supplies	1,079	—	—	—	1,079	181
EXP014 - Church Maintenance	4,558	—	—	—	4,558	5,697
EXP015 - Music	871	—	—	—	871	1,145
EXP016 - Junior Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP017 - Subscriptions & Copyright	3,921	—	—	—	3,921	3,618
EXP018 - Conferences	1,616	—	—	—	1,616	—
EXP019 - Books	987	—	—	—	987	820
EXP020 - Publicity	221	—	—	—	221	521
EXP021 - Youth Worker	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP022 - Administrator	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP023 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—

EXP024 - Phone and BB Church	1,108	—	—	—	1,108	1,087
EXP025 - Photocopier	1,530	—	—	—	1,530	1,075
EXP026 - Printing & Stationery	1,169	—	—	—	1,169	1,572
EXP027 - Sundries	117	—	—	—	117	—
EXP028 - BMS Contributions	4,800	—	—	—	4,800	4,800
EXP029 - HMF Contributions	4,800	—	—	—	4,800	4,800
EXP030 - ICIS Gifts	2,400	—	—	—	2,400	2,400
EXP031 - INF Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP032 - Evangelical Alliance Gift	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP033 - Outreach Giving	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP034 - BMS Birthday	—	—	563	—	563	948
EXP035 - Youth Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP036 - Children & Families Pastor	—	15,663	—	—	15,663	13,839
EXP037 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP038 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	120	—	120	267
EXP039 - Property	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP040 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP041 - Minister in training	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP042 - Light House	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP043 - Mission	—	2,012	—	—	2,012	1,998
EXP044 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP045 - Sue Psnl	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP046 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP047 - Toddlers Own	—	—	474	—	474	623
EXP048 - Minister's Community	—	—	3,637	—	3,637	5,854
EXP049 - Vintage Club	—	—	49	—	49	—
EXP050 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	60	—	60	—
EXP051 - Coffee Shop	—	—	216	—	216	3,523
EXP052 - Impact Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP053 - Family Fun Night	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP054 - Little Explorers	—	—	654	—	654	—
EXP055 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP057 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP058 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP059 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP060 - BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP061 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP062 - Other Salaries	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP063 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP064 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP065 - Training	451	—	—	—	451	—
EXP066 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP067 - Church Services	766	—	—	—	766	6,170
EXP071 - Social Justice	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP083 - Development	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	99,517	17,675	5,774	—	122,968	126,789

Other resources used

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Last year</u>
					<u>This year</u>	
EXP087 - Slessor Insurance Repairs	15,850	—	—	—	15,850	127
Total	15,850	—	—	—	15,850	127

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	128,063	17,675	10,876	—	156,615	155,139
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GRAND TOTAL	(27,418)	(4,023)	(2,518)	—	(33,959)	55,842
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- **Conclusion**

These are a fair and true record of the financial activities of Mansfield Baptist Church for the year commencing 1st April 2021 and ending 31st March 2022, kept by Neil Meadows, Church Treasurer.

This report dated: 1st July 2022

Signed _____ *neil meadows* _____

MR NEIL MEADOWS



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1141724

Set out on pages

1 to 10 (including the accounts of the charity)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2020.

**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:

PN Henderson

Date:

20.6.2022

Name:

PATRICK HENDERSON

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

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Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

NONE

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1141724

Accounts



Mansfield Baptist Church

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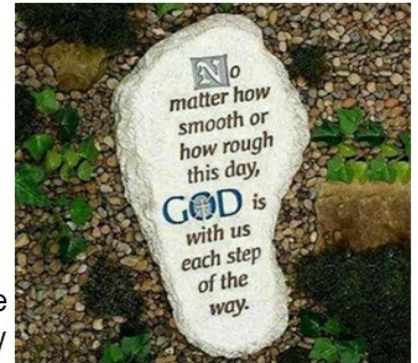
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A letter from Mark & Jane

June 2021 AGM Report
Be Encouraged!

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1 v 9



The future for believers is always certain, and full of hope. We can be certain even in an uncertain world that one thing is absolutely, totally dependable and sure – **God is with us** where ever we go and that

includes today, tomorrow and onward into the future in every place and circumstance. These words are very familiar to us but we do need commit them to memory, continually seek Him in prayer and live them out. Our part is always to be strong and courageous, not afraid, or discouraged, and we know that is not always easy but is not optional.

As we begin to re gather as a church, lets continue to grow in love of God, and one another, forgiving one another and grow continually in grace towards each other. Let's also continue to grow deeper in our walk with Jesus, and with great love and compassion continue to serve our community and reach out with the Gospel to those around us.

We have much to be encouraged by even as we face the challenges ahead, we continue to have people just dropping in and coming to church in the week and during services and have also seen some people coming to know the Lord even through the lockdowns. I have read several quotes recently that said **the best of all is, God is with us. Because God is with us, we do not fear what is ahead, as He is greater than it all, and if He is for us who can be against us.**

Thanks

We would like to thank you all for your support, love and service during this last year and for praying and standing with us, we are delighted that the as a church we are beginning to meet again. We would especially like to thank and mention a few people. Firstly, the Technical and worship team particularly Colin, Geoff, Sam and Sam Dobbs who have enabled us to continue to have services online, they have done several upgrades to our equipment that has been a very steep learning curve and often with the worship team have had many late nights recording, fixing things and keeping things running. We are now streaming live on YouTube for those of you still at home and we do get visitors and others join online, we are going to be looking how we can use this equipment for mission and other ways than just streaming the service.

We are delighted and very blessed as a church by the children's and youth team as they have worked with Lucy and Paula and maintained contact with families and continued to develop new ways of serving that are now in place now including the First steps toddler praise and play group and GSET which now is a monthly All age service, it was such a joy to see families, children, and young people both in and participating in the service recently, and what a joy to of dedicated baby Gianna last Sunday.

We also thank all the volunteers in every ministry who have kept the essential support groups open during this time including Prayer Recovery, Renew wellbeing and Safeguarding.

Finally want also to thank the leadership team as they have continued to meet and work extremely hard to keep things going and even moving forward. We especially thank the Lord for those who are stepping down this year and especially for Wendy and Chris who between clock up 25 years of serving as deacons we pray for them as they rest and wait on the Lord and His timing for their next steps.

Lots of Love and Prayers
Mark & Jane

Church Secretary

This will be a short report from me, after all it's only been 6 months since our last AGM. The Covid Pandemic has turned many things on their heads but it has been heart-warming to see how our Fellowship have used much practised gifts and also developed new giftings in order to offer and support ministries, groups, prayer and worship within the building, the community and the virtual world of Zoom, Facebook and YouTube.

Personally, it has been a very challenging 6 months for me including adapting to new ways of working within my role in the NHS.

I have also had ongoing physical health challenges, which I know many of you will agree impacts on mental health and both of these have led to me already "stepping away" from my role of Church Secretary over the last few months. As a Deacon coming to the end of my 6-year term on the Leadership Team, I stepped into the role of Church Secretary. It never occurred to me at the time that the role does not have a Constitutional end date like a Deacon and the only way is to retire!! You may recall that I informed the Church of that decision back in 2019 but, as I said earlier, that is one of the things that was turned on its head in 2020.

I would like to thank you for the encouragement, help, support, advice, direction many of you have given to a Church Secretary who knew little about the role she was volunteering for, perhaps even slightly crowbarred into! Thank you to Cathy, our former Secretary, Amy our previous Administrator, and all those more experienced and knowledgeable about the way that Baptists do things. I felt so blessed when we were able to appoint Colleen who, although herself had to learn about Baptist ways, brought an immense amount of knowledge and wisdom (even if it was Anglican)!

Mike Fregredo our Baptist Regional Minister and other staff at East Midlands Baptist Association have also given invaluable advice and support especially during our 3½ year Interregnum which led to the appointment of our Pastor and his wife, Mark and Jane. So, it's not only Pandemics that turn things on their heads!! Our God does it all time! He answered our prayers for a Visionary and Enabling Leader. One who described himself as "a visionary leader with the heart of an Evangelist and a passionate faith to lead God's people in Mission".

You will read much of that Vision and Mission and how it is being worked out through and within our church fellowship and community in the Reports contained in this booklet. Please continue in earnest prayer, seeking more of God's vision and the leading of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Colossians 1:18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you Peace.
Wendy

Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020/21

You will see the presentation of our accounts at our AGM, they will also be audited prior to their presentation to the Charity Commission.

This has been a year like no other and one that could not have been forecasted. Our Church, our community and all of us individually have suffered the impact of covid. Inevitably, the finances of the Church have also not escaped.

Our **General Fund** for the year decreased by almost one third. Ending the year at only **£24,128**. Our building was closed for a large proportion of the year and whilst there were some running cost savings made, this was far outweighed by the decrease in giving, resulting mainly from Church Services ceasing.

Many of you set up regular standing orders online and sent in your offerings. This became a lifeline for our Church. Thank you to each and every one of you who did this and has continued to do so. However, our giving for the year was still down nearly £11,000. This was broadly equivalent to our total **deficit for the year of £11,920**.

Whilst this was disappointing we know how many other organisations, businesses and individuals have been hit very much harder. With businesses closing down and people losing their employment.

We did complete the sale of our Manse and the purchase of a smaller Manse during the last 12 months. This generated £122,000 in capital that will be invested in a 2nd property that we are in the process of buying.

A £20,000 legacy and £19,000 from the closure of Stanton Hill has enabled us to continue the work of our Church. These sources of income referred to are NOT included in the calculation of the deficit in the general fund.

We also received £15,000 from a donor that was given to help our fellowship, our community and parts of the world where we have had a relationship with in the past, like Nepal. This has been invaluable during the pandemic and it continues to enable us to provide the financial support where it is most needed.

So in many ways we have remained blessed by our faithful God in the most unexpected ways during these difficult times.

The generous Personal **Giving to Other Causes** by our Fellowship continued despite everything. Most notably donating to the Bags of Hope and the Meals from Jesus. Also, helping the homeless in our community. The Leprosy Mission and Nepal were supported worldwide too.

We donated over **£11,000** from Church funds for Home Mission, World Mission and locally for Christian work in our Schools. This was over 12% of our total income received.

We now look forward to a 'new normal' for our Church with exciting opportunities lying ahead. We need to embrace these opportunities whilst remaining good stewards of the monies our Lord has so graciously blessed us with.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

Blessings

Neil Meadows



Bags of Hope

Agm 2021 Bags of hope report.

The bags of hope have been a blessing to lots of families.

The contents of the bags feed the family for 1 week for all their meals and some puddings and treats.

The main uptake has been from families at the Queen Elizabeth school and referrals from the Mansfield district council and church families.

We have been blessed with a team of willing helpers who have shopped for the families and packed/ delivered the bags.

The families have been moved how thoughtful the bags are and often have lasted longer than the week.

The Easter letter updated on the wonderful feedback we have had and how lives have been touched.

The last two bags have gone to families who have put on a free cycle site they are struggling. I delivered one along with some clothes that the lady had asked for it was a joy to pray with her as I dropped them off.

As the bags of hope are being requested less. The food is being used to go in the bags that are going to the oak tree lane project. This is touching lives in many ways the blessing bags are a small part of it.

If you wish to help with food or money or shopping/ packing the bags.

Things needed are.

Tesco or Aldi gift vouchers for us to buy fresh bread and long-life milk. (OR money marked hope to Neil or me please)

Toothpaste

Washing up liquid

Small boxes washing powder.

Aldi 50p cornflakes

Meatballs in tomato sauce

Pasta bake jars.

Princes/ other sandwich fillings

Beans

Spaghetti

Beans and sausages.

Rice pudding

Tinned fruit

Biscuits

Super noodles

Tinned tomatoes

Any treats

Thanking all of you for your support and encouragement.

Thanking God for his grace and love.

Love from Elaine and team.

B.M.S. Partners

BMS Church Partners (and other missionaries)



After spending considerable time in the UK due to the pandemic, our BMS Partner missionary **Claire Bedford** was able to return to Chad at the end of March to continue with her ministry as a pharmacist at the Guinebor II Hospital at N'Djamena.

However, during April, after unrest in Chad resulting in the death of the president, the Foreign Office strongly advised UK nationals to leave Chad. Following the advice, Claire and her BMS colleagues returned to the

UK.

At the time of writing this, 28th May, Claire and two of her colleagues, Brian and Jackie Chilvers, are preparing to fly to Paris, where they will apply for visas to enter Chad (Chad has no embassy in the UK) then travel on to Chad at the end of June.

Prayer is needed for Claire and her colleagues, that all will go smoothly, and that the peace that has returned to Chad, albeit uneasy, will be maintained. This, of course, is on top of the COVID-19 complications.

Newsletters are available giving more of Claire's news. If you like to keep up with Claire's news, my email contact is at the end of this report.

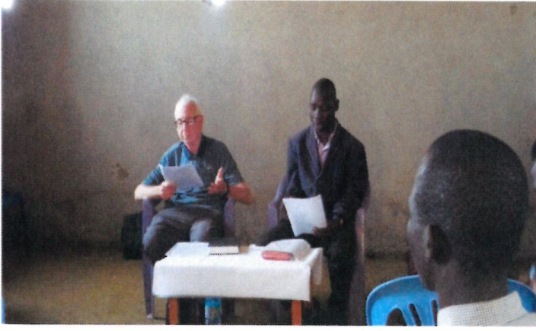
Christine Birt celebrated her 80th birthday on Boxing Day last year and continues with her ministry in Mbale, Uganda. Christine continues with her radio ministry, which brings blessings mixed with complications. After a recent Saturday evening broadcast 14 people received Jesus and went to Pastor Julius' church in Mooni. They were all Muslims except for one. Although this is exciting and what they want, eight of them were in desperate need. Two had been sacked from their jobs. Others had had their clothes burned and thrown out of their homes. They needed accommodation, feeding, clothing, bed sheets, mattresses and so on.



In spite of the difficulties, Christine and Julius are determined to continue to preach the Gospel in this needy area.

Christine also has a small discipleship group in Namatala on Fridays, and goes to Kamonkole on Sunday mornings to a small fellowship of mostly young people. The leaders of the ministry meet in Christine's compound for an hour on Thursday evenings which she finds very beautiful and very powerful.

Please pray for good health and strength for Christine as she continues her ministry in Uganda.



Philip Lotimong continues with the Bible based **Equip Leadership** teaching in Uganda. Philip was recently excited to be able to share the teaching with church leaders in Jinja. The leaders were happy with the teachings and asked Philip if they could be taken to the areas they come from.

Philip was also invited to speak at the Inter-Hostel Fellowship in Mbale. This fellowship brings students from the high schools together. Philip was asked to train the leaders of the hostels, around 150 of them, which excited him because they were young people who are rising into leadership positions in the near future.

We have a programme in place for the certification course I (David Ardron) am planning to take to Uganda. This course will give a qualification to those who are passing the teaching on to others. The costing exercise Philip and I conducted last year will now need to be re-costed, which I am planning to do over the summer months. More news in due course.

If you would like to receive copies of newsletters sent out by our BMS Partner missionary, and a selection of other missionaries, please send your email address to davidardron456@hotmail.com

David Ardron



Prayer

Thankfully we have been able to continue our daily morning worship / prayer meetings with our Lord where we prayerfully bathe in His presence, seeking His guidance and direction for the ministry and the church who meet in our building.

We are so thankful that He always turns up no matter how many of us attend and it is such a joy to be involved as we meet with Him there .

I'm not able to comment on the Monday afternoon church meeting as I have committed to pray with the Mansfield Prayer group who meet each day through the week seeking unity for the body of Christ in Mansfield.

However as we meet on the Sunday evening prayer time His presence attracts members of other churches in the Mansfield area where we have wonderful fellowship with each other and our Lord.

Whether you're able to meet with us or not we hope and pray you might join with us at home as we seek to break through in lifting our town and Nation to God .

If you are able, even for a short time, to come along our prayer times are between :-

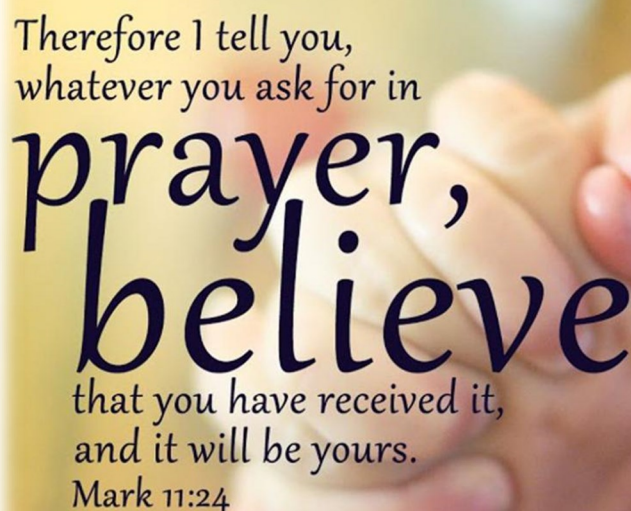
8.00 and 9.00 each morning

1.00 and 3.00 Monday afternoon

7.00 and 9.00 Sunday evening

You will be so welcome ,

God Bless you all and thankyou for your prayers
Steve Pickering x



Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask for in
prayer,
believe
that you have received it,
and it will be yours.
Mark 11:24

Renew Well Being

RENEW WELLBEING Report for AGM June 2021

After a few months of being unable to meet last year because of Covid-19 restrictions, we were glad to open our doors again in October and continue through to mid-December. However we felt it wise to close from January to March but then reopened in April.

We have been able to keep in touch by phone with our regular attendees even when we have not been meeting on a weekly basis. Those who come appreciate the opportunity to join with others and share in an activity or sit and chat over coffee and to know that they are welcomed and accepted however they are feeling.

Our daily rhythm of prayer ensures that we are centering our activity on God and seeking to keep in touch with Him. We appreciate being part of the Renew Wellbeing national organisation with the opportunity to join in zoom gatherings for a retreat day and for weekly prayer along with others throughout the UK where there are 100 groups meeting or preparing to open up. We keep in touch with our representative from Notts Mental health Services and have had contact with other agencies in the community.

Whilst having to adhere to Government guidelines and restrict the numbers who attend, we look forward to more freedom in the coming months.

We praise God :-

- that we have the facilities to provide a safe space where it's OK not to be OK
- for hosts and regulars
- for all who have been helped and encouraged to use their gifts - for the friendly atmosphere and the conversations that take place - and for all who join in our midday prayer

Brenda Rumbol.

Recovery Group

Recovery Report – June 2021

The essence of Recovery is God is at the centre. It is a writing and sharing programme in which God leads people towards healing and a greater freedom. Wounds and hurts are healed, feelings of unworthiness, anxiety and inferiority are reduced, and chains of obsessions and addictions are broken. It helps people to feel more peaceful and their relationships to become healthier and is for anyone. It encourages self-understanding, allows God to heal damaged emotions and draws us into a greater knowledge of God's love for us and into a deeper relationship with Him.

Recovery has continued for most throughout the lockdowns. It restarted in the church in autumn as a large group of 15 people, which split into small groups for discussion. In addition, two more people started on separate zooms in December. Earlier this year, changes had to be made to accommodate the new lockdown. Each small group decided whether to meet in church or use zoom. One group decided to meet in church, one group has unfortunately had to be put on hold and the other groups zoomed. This continued until May when the church was used again. To help more people, the groups are now spread out on Mondays from 9.20am until 2.15pm. Because of confidentiality, we would ask that the church is not used by anybody throughout these times.

To create an atmosphere where renewal and healing can occur, there is a need for guidelines. Confidentiality is a major part of this. The guidelines also include maintaining an environment where non-judgemental attitudes, unconditional love, acceptance and respect for each other and their views are essential. A safe place for sharing is created, where leaders listen, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, but do not advise. We let God be God and soak every meeting in prayer, both within meetings and during the rest of the week. We would greatly value your prayers too.

If you would like to know more about us, please ask Bronwen, Fiona or Spro.



Children & Families Work

Children and Family



Lucy Gell & Paula Skinner

We wanted to start by testifying to God's faithfulness throughout the last year. As guidelines and restrictions have continued to change, we have found ourselves – on many occasions – uncertain about the future and the way ahead and have often asked each other: 'Now what?!'

The challenge for us has been to try to keep focused on Him – the One who is sovereign over all. Although we might often feel unsure in our circumstances and the road ahead unclear, God remains faithful to His promises; as shown in the famous Martin Luther King quote, we just have to take the next step.

Not always easy!

In November, the two of us met for a retreat day to take time to reflect and pray before looking to the future. As we looked back, we were able to count our blessings – noticing all the things that God had been doing and were amazed at some of the work He had brought about that we never could have planned or imagined for ourselves.

Here is a bit of an overview of some of the things that have been happening behind the scenes and also directly with children and families over the last year.

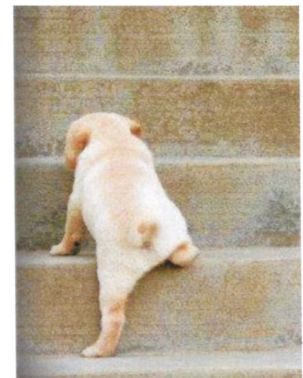
Vision & Values

Despite the disruption which we all faced in 2020, one positive aspect which arose was the opportunity to look at things afresh. With all of our groups and regular activities flattened overnight, we were forced to stop and reflect, and to look at the children, family and youth work as a whole picture. This process enabled us to identify what we considered to be our key strengths as well as the areas we wanted to develop further. These conclusions enabled us to clarify our priorities moving forward and thus, we were able to draw up what we called 'Vision & Values' - principles that we would seek to embed across all of our work –regardless of age or activity.

Further details of this are available to read should you like to know more; however, the key focus has been our attempt to make all of the work distinctly Christian, seeking to put God at

'You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step'.

Martin Luther King



the forefront. We want our children, families and young people to learn and know about Him but also to be able to respond and encounter Him for themselves.



The Greatest Story Ever Told

We were excited to discover a new resource called 'the Greatest story ever Told', a series of family sessions from the author of the Bible Society's Bible Course, showing how the key events and characters from the Bible fit together to form one overall story.



With restrictions hindering our ability to run groups for children on Sunday mornings, we decided to use these sessions, combined with

worship songs and creative prayer approaches to form an afternoon family service and so - Get set was born!

Some of our sessions had to move online when the second lockdown hit but we continued in our journey -eventually managing to reach the end of the course some nine months later! As well as having lots of fun together, it was a real joy to see families worshipping together and interacting in discussion. A particular highlight for us was seeing God at work in the encounter times as we provided space for children to 'chat' to Him and see if they could 'catch' something that He might be saying to them. It has been a blessing to see how God can speak to and through all ages and we are excited to see what He will do through our children and young people as we continue to pursue Him.



The Greatest Story Ever Told words inspired the name 'Get set' and the logo, which the young people helped to design.

The idea behind the logo is that we can hear about the Greatest story and tell others the good news too!

Outreach events

As well as offering discipleship for children and families, we were aware of the need to reach out with the good news of Jesus and so held various events throughout the year that we hoped would enable further connection with families on the fringes and outside of the Church.



A 'Light it up' party at home pack and video message (after the weather kiboshed our outdoor party!)



Our seasonal events – a Christmas service and an Easter trail to share the gospel message



Valentines special – a bake at home kit and video message sharing God's love.



Over the year we have had the privilege of being in contact with 41 families. We give thanks that we have been able to see some of these families step into our Get set services.

We want to say a big thank you to the many people who have supported us, encouraged us along the way and for all the practical help we have received. We really appreciate you all.

Toddlers and Toy Library

Paula Skinner

Having looked back over my last report it has been exciting to see the many changes and how God has continued to have a hand in all of these.

Having run rhyme time for toddlers throughout our first lockdown on zoom, it was a great joy in September to move back to church (well nearly in the car park at least) to run a toy library with collection from under the canopy. A big thank you to Jenny Clark who has been amazing at working with me to set this up and thanks to others who helped prepare things to make the toy library successful. A £300 grant to fund the setting up of the Toy Library from Councillor Garner meant we could buy boxes and material to put all the toys in which means moving and cleaning everything has been much easier. It has been great to see the children enjoying the toy they pick but more importantly having an opportunity to chat face to face. One of the mums told her husband that we had often been the only other adults she had seen apart from him during the lockdowns and looked forward to her weekly chats. At Christmas we managed to move inside and have a toddlers Christmas Service. It was a different style of nativity as everyone stayed in their spaces but the message of God's love for us in sending His Son Jesus seemed more touching for many without all the usual hype and busyness. After Christmas it was back outside with the toy library, as once again, we were in lockdown. This time everyone was much more open about how much they were struggling; deeper conversations happened and offers to pray for them were happily accepted.

At Easter, we went inside again for a Toddlers Easter Celebration service.

After discussions with leaders of Tuesday Toddlers and Little Explorers it was decided to close these and open a new Toddler group called 'First Steps' on Wednesday mornings at 10am after Easter. Sessions have been limited to 15 adults (mums, dads, grandparents and a child minder have joined us) as per restrictions but adults and children have loved being back inside. We had 3 pregnant mums in our group after Easter and now have three healthy baby boys to add to our numbers. We are seeing growth and new life in many different ways. Some of the parents and children have taken part in events that Lucy and I have run throughout the year and also joined our Get Set Family Services on Sunday afternoons. We have played lively Christian Toddler songs and the children have streamers and shakers as restrictions still don't allow singing by all. Every family has received a book called 'God knows all about me' which was funded by the Tuesday Toddlers money. A big thank you to Geoff and Mandy for releasing this money. We have read the book each week and had a weekly craft linked to it. When restrictions lift we plan to add in toys to play with giving the children and adults much needed opportunities to interact.

A big thank you to all those who have run Tuesday Toddlers and Little Explorers in the past, your support for our new group and all the children's work has been overwhelming. I am really grateful that many of you have offered to help and when restrictions allow, I will definitely be in touch.

Parents Bible Study Report

Paula Skinner

I began a Parents Bible Study on zoom in April 2020 starting with the 'Parenting for Faith' course. Since April we have met weekly and followed the Bible Course, the Prayer Course and now the Unanswered Prayer Course. At the beginning of 2021 I ran Care for the family videos about family life which a couple of new mums also came too. These studies have seen us all grow closer to God and build fantastic friendships with each other.



Youth

Lucy Gell

As we embarked upon the start of a new academic year last September, the way ahead seemed a bit unclear and whilst current circumstances and constantly changing guidance continue to pose a significant challenge, God has been so faithful (as He always is!), bringing blessing and guidance along the way.

At a Youth leaders' event last Summer, we were given some wonderful encouragement and one of those words we received was a word of prophecy about the Spirit going ahead and drawing people in; this has continued to be our experience even during this time when there is so much we feel we are unable to do!

We have had four new young people join our more regular group and an added bonus has been the connections we are also developing with the parents of the young people. One of our key values, which we feel God placed on our hearts early on, was the idea of being 'intergenerational' and not seeing Youth as a separate entity. As we have engaged with our young people, doing events and home drop offs and visits, we are getting to know the young people's parents too and their openness and willingness to chat has been so encouraging. When we had to move to Zoom again back in November, one of the Mums was also engaging with us (albeit offscreen) and hearing the Word! Please continue to pray for these relationships and also for the many young people who we have had chance encounters with at some of our outdoor events – that they too may be drawn in by the Spirit who does the work and not us! How encouraging and exciting to know that He is in control and it isn't dependent on us!

Over the months, our approaches have had to regularly change according to the restrictions we faced; nevertheless, we have continued to meet together, whether online or in person when we were able. Whilst we have engaged in a variety of activities over the year, the session contents have remained largely unchanged: we seek to have fun & fellowship, food

and to provide space and an opportunity for us to connect and encounter God. Here are some of the things we've been up to over the year:

- McD's & Movie Night
- Fondue and T shirt design
- Graffiti & games
- Zoom Youth
- Pancakes and playlist
- The Great Baptist bake off and other baking challenges
- The re-launch of the Youth music group
- Christmas party – Dreaming the Impossible broadcast
- Youth drop in – back in the building
- Pizza & rounders in the park



The baking kits ready for home delivery!



Reading through this, it may all seem glamorous and exciting. However, I have to be honest and say that it has felt an uphill climb at times; the barriers of lockdown and the limits we

have had has sometimes made connection seem really tough and humanly speaking, can feel difficult to battle against.

Nevertheless, I feel God has been reminding me that we don't always humanly see Him working and although things might seem upside-down and topsy turvy to us, things in God's kingdom aren't as we view them.

<Youth Christmas party



Isaiah 55:8-11

“I don’t think the way you think.
The way you work isn’t the way I work.”
GOD’s Decree.

“For as the sky soars high above earth,
so the way I work surpasses the way you work,
and the way I think is beyond the way you think.
Just as rain and snow descend from the skies
and don’t go back until they’ve watered the earth,
Doing their work of making things grow and blossom,
producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry,
So will the words that come out of my mouth
not come back empty-handed.
They’ll do the work I sent them to do,
they’ll complete the assignment I gave them.

I am certainly on a journey of learning to trust Him in deeper ways and know the key is abiding in Him and allowing Him to take over; I feel I have much to learn!

Thank you to the amazing team of youth leaders who are so faithful and generous with their time and energy in supporting our young people. Your love and warmth encourage me greatly and spur me on!

With love,

Lucy

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, encouragement and practical support. We feel really blessed to be surrounded by people who have a heart for families, children and young people and who are committed to being an intergenerational family who worship together.

We really value your prayers; please keep praying for us, for the leaders and for all the children, families and young people we are in contact with.

Many thanks

Love from Lucy & Paula

Pastoral Care Team

Telephone Pastors .

It has been a valued privilege to be part of the telephone pastor team . Our aim is to remain in contact with as many as possible during this difficult and varying time .

We aim to talk regularly and get to know each other in a different way , all as individuals so valuable to our Lord . In addition we can pray appropriately about differing circumstances , remember different happenings for each other , and care in Christian love as Jesus taught us .

If anyone knows of a particular need that does not seem to be being met please let me know . In this present time with different styles of contact , not everyone is able to join with us right now . We do not want to miss any friends need . In times of isolation , loneliness , and issues of dealing with problems alone , we are all called by God to share and care for each other in Christian faith .

Please join us if you would like to . It certainly seems from my conversations that many of our Church family are in regular contact with several others .

Our God is big and mighty to save . He has plans to prosper and not to harm us .

Blessings to All , Tracy .

Study Groups

ONLINE STUDY GROUPS – AGM REPORT JUNE 2020 TO MAY 2021 - ELIZABETH COOPER

While it has been a most unusual year in terms of worldwide events, it has been a most wonderful opportunity to share in study and fellowship online. All groups continue on zoom at the moment with discussions in the pipeline about where, how and when to meet once all lockdown rules are lifted.

I am reminded of both Isaiah 55 v 9 and Jeremiah 25 v 11 *“I know the plans I have for you; my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts”*.

In November up to December last year we studied OBEDIENCE together for our Advent reflection. Reminding ourselves about the obedience of those involved in the Christmas story, we also looked at our own obedience to God.

Through Lent this year we used our own, purpose-made, Bible Journaling booklet using the



for our daily headings to lead us through familiar scriptures, and also using this as the basis for our online groups. Many found the Scripture Doodling to be therapeutic and thoughtful, giving further insight to the scripture and enriching their time spent with our Creator God.

This journal also led us to look at the many names of God – the list is long, and these names led us to both familiar and unfamiliar stories in the Bible.

Between Advent and Lent, and from Lent until now, the individual groups have worked through many courses as well as individual books of the Bible.



The Bible Course from the Bible Society gave us good grounding in the layout of the Bible and how all the books fit together.

The DVDs are available for anyone to borrow – I do recommend the course.

“The Prayer Course” by Peter Greig of 24/7 has been another in depth study used – this one based on the Lord’s Prayer. **“Unanswered Prayer”** follows on from this and tackles some personal issues of our prayer lives. Both are available online and again I recommend them.

The Freedom in Christ Course has been used and we have also had the Alpha Course running in one group. Variation to suit needs.

But whatever has been studied, fellowship has deepened through time together; friendships have been made and strengthened; knowledge has been added to and lives have been changed. God never fails to speak as the Holy Spirit leads each meeting - Matthew 18:20 – *“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*

As we have continued to meet, pray, discuss, study, share laugh and cry together over both the scriptures and our life events, we have been using this most unusual year to grow and change. There is always room for more people to join in and always the option for new groups to set up. We are excited at what God has in store for the next year of our lives in study groups, gathering around God’s living word which *“is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right”*

Property & Projects

MBC Properties Report for the year ending March 31st 2021

1. Slessor Room Fire damage

During the year the Slessor Room has undergone the planned makeover, after the fire of January 2020. It will become our new office. The pandemic has slowed everything down but many things have been happening when the lockdowns allowed and builders were working:

- a Reception Hatch has been opened on to the Entrance Lobby
- CCTV has been installed overlooking the entrance with a monitor in the office
- Remote locking and unlocking of the front door
- A dado rail around the room for telephone, data and electrical leads
- The old hatch into the kitchen has been blocked up
- New carpets in the room and lobby
- A lowered ceiling with recessed lighting
- New window blinds

Furniture, desks etc. is imminent. Neil is organising this.

The building works bill was about the amount of the fire insurance compensation money. I would like to thank Colin, Geoff and David for their practical (they have saved us money!) and advisory support.

2. Insurance Review

I met a representative of our buildings insurers to do their five yearly valuation review, foreshadowed in last year's report. We have a clean bill of health as far as insurance is concerned.

3. Things to do

The pandemic affected what we were able to do during this year before I took my Sabbatical from the Diaconate and stopped working as Properties Deacon. There are a number of issues which need to be looked into and resolved, e.g. Portable Appliance Tests, the high windows in the hall need attention, the old office needs clearing out and made fit for purpose, etc....The Deacons have a list of these and other issues to be dealt with or handed on to the next Properties manager.

Our church building is a blessing and an amazing resource for God's work. This is recognised by the group of people who spend so much time and energy working behind the scenes to keep the building operational by making repairs, facilitating updates, maintaining the grounds, and moving furniture to ensure the building is ready for use by different groups. We are stewards of all He has given us and charged with taking care of what we have been given, so thank you all for your commitment to serving so faithfully in this way.

As agreed I will be stepping down as Properties Lead now the Slessor Room works are completed. I have had an interesting, challenging and rewarding few years serving as Properties Deacon. I hope the new Properties Leader (when appointed) will be able to rely on the support and encouragement of the fellowship as s/he strives to ensure that the wonderful resource God has given us is properly maintained.

Welcome Break

Jenny and Colin Botting, Dorcas Burnett, Margaret Selley, David Ellis, Sue Kemp, Mary Sharp, Cynthia Bunting, Sam Lockwood and Jan Staley. I have mentioned the staff as has I did in the report of 2020 mainly because of what I have to say in this report.

We, as staff, have tried to witness to those members of "Welcome Break" by our love and unity for each other and the people attending. As we closed the meeting many months ago now, not knowing the future, we can thank God for the opportunities he gave us to speak the Gospel by our actions, words and friendships in the meetings.

Yes we experience God's Spirit in many ways and say a special "thank you" to all the staff for the work they have completed and the love they have displayed.

But it has been a long time closed, so we all have to question the future of our lives together with the "Care Homes" people. Some have died, some have become ill, some people may have been called to serve another way, care homes may be reluctant to release their clients. One thing is for certain - we have all changed in some way because of the pandemic.

So we needed to examine our strengths and weaknesses. **What does God require?** This is the ultimate question so with all these thoughts, the staff have been able to share their own views for the future of "Welcome Break". To conclude all their thoughts together it worked out as follows:

- ◆ My present health problem would prevent me from the leadership role of Welcome Break

Thoughts from present staff

1. To carry on with Welcome Break or some other format for the elderly =25%
2. Some staff are saying "because of time closure, their bodies are now weaker and even though they are committed fully with other church activities they would value a timeout from "Welcome Break" =20%
3. Is there a time when God would like to change the meeting format in His church? Wanting something different? =20%
4. It was commented about "Welcome Break" of having a good, peaceful and joyful atmosphere not forgetting the time of Christian Message at the end of the meeting
5. I would record the final 35% of comments to be of a general nature from staff:-
 - A. Not a sufficient number of staff to run Welcome Break.
 - B. A feeling of disappointment when the Care Home people could not attend.
 - C. We had become weak in our transport service
 - D. Overall we have to conclude and present to the church a point of closure of "Welcome Break".

With thanksgiving to all staff who recognised the "Vision" and have carried it on to the staff of today - thanks be to God who has sustained it.

Once I receive confirmation from the "Church" that my proposal has been accepted I will be writing to every Care Home involved. So, we thank you staff for your hard work and commitment, also thank you "Church" for your support and encouragement, not forgetting all those guests who have come to speak to us or demonstrated their various skills. The closing for the financial total is £60 and will be passed on to our Treasurer Neil Meadows.

Greetings to you all,

Yours sincerely
Eric Staley

Music & Worship Team

Report AGM 2021

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

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 resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD. Psalm 150

Worship 2020-2021

It has been an interesting roller coaster ride and one that no one could have anticipated. Two lockdowns and lots and following rules and regulations.

But God has been faithful through it all and guided us as a church and as a worship/tech team.

Words from a song a resounding in my head as I write this report

Every minute, every moment

Where I've been and where I'm going

Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it

There was Jesus

How true. There is Jesus...

Because of the lockdowns we had to maintain worship the best way we could which was recording the worship. This took a lot of time and patience for those involved as some nights this would go on to 11pm in the evening, some weeks it could take more than one night. What blessings this church has to have such amazing people. We are so thankful for all those who were and are involved

Moving Forward into the 'New Norm'

Limitations and structure

1. Restrictions have begun to lift, but worship still has limitations.
2. This week it has been obvious from the change of plan by Boris, we are not out the woods, yet so why this way of planning will have to continue for now.
3. The rota is planned following these restrictions i.e.
4. Limited singers, to eliminate the spread of vapour into the air.
5. Social distancing of the team, limits how many people we can accommodate at the front of church.
6. Rota Dates for now will be organised to one-month ahead

New Refreshing and Blessing

1. This is an evening for the worship team where we can pray praise and worship God together as a team. {Co Ordinator's Spro and Jane}
2. This event will run every 6 weeks
3. Invites and information has been sent to the team and due to the summer and holidays, we are looking now for this to commence September 2021.

Online and Live services and the future

What an opportunity we have had with the online services to bring the Love of Jesus, what an outreach.

We thank the team of amazing tech and editing and camera crew, for all the hard work that has gone into this to make this possible, believe me there has many things that the 'ol devil' thrown to stop it happening. So please pray for this team of people as they work tirelessly every single week.

New plans for monitors.

We are currently working with looking at the possibility of supplying each member of the worship team their own ear monitors, to make things a little easier for the team. Please pray we get this right for everyone involved.

Prayer Circle

Each week we pray before the service as a team, around the tech area together and the importance is 'Together' as each member of the tea, are very important, special and loved by God. To stand together and to serve together.

Youth

What an amazing blessing to also have the youth involved in the worship and offering their own gifts to God. Please remember them in your prayers, and those who are working with them.

Tech Team

Report from the back corner

When we had to stop Sunday services in church due to Covid restrictions we turned to YouTube to maintain contact with the fellowship by recording the sermons, worship through songs, prayers, readings and news from various members and we are extremely grateful to all those who contributed by creating, editing and loading the recordings. This created a lot of work for people and lost the spontaneity of a live service. Having installed the cameras in church for the recordings we then moved forward to setting up a live streaming server and launched into having live services on YouTube.

At the end of March we installed a new sound desk which allowed us greater control over the quality and routing of the sound as we moved from recording services, where we had the opportunity of making some corrections to volumes etc., to live streaming, where adjusting the sound is like steering a gigantic ocean liner (slow to respond as listening to the service on YouTube is nearly 2 minutes behind what is happening in church). We are thankful for everyone's patience with the various hiccups but we have all gone through a very steep learning curve as we try to rival the BBC's Song of Praise.

Life is busy in the media corner with control of the media on the screen and the stream, controlling the cameras and the sound and the area may rival the flight deck of Concorde but it looks more daunting than it really is. We are grateful to the current team for all their hard work but are looking for recruits to share the fun; if you would like to join a rota, speak to one of the team and we can arrange training.

On behalf of the fellowship, we must extend our thanks to all those who have been involved in maintaining regular worship under these exceptional circumstances whether on screen in front of the camera or behind the scenes and continue to support the work by joining with the online services if you are unable to attend in person. As we have started to return to services in the church, numbers watching the online services have reduced; this is understandable but the online services still serve those unable or cautious about returning and forms part of our outreach.

Church Administrator

Update from October 2020.

I am still working from home whilst the new office is still being done. It looks absolutely beautiful and a great use of space for the staff. We had our AGM by Zoom which in all worked very well and it was a lifeline for work and getting things done.

The run up to Christmas was busy with sending out lots of material for the Bags of Hope. The continuation of sending out the Disks and Newsletters carried on and again we were faced with different lockdowns and the tier system.

Easter was also a busy time with the gift bags that Elaine had organised. I loved making the bookmarks, bible cards and of course the crochet crosses. They took a good few hours to make.... 150 in total! I also continued to make them for our Funerals that Mark took. There were a lovely token to give to people.

Of course, as you all know now, I have made the decision to leave. It was a huge decision to make with Eugene but the venture was offered and we took it. I have been with Mansfield Baptist Church for 5 1/2 years now and have loved every minute of it. You all took me in and cared for everything I did. Some life long friends have been made here. Life in the office changed when Mark landed and we have worked together so very well and I will miss him, Lucy and Paula too.

My thanks goes to Chris Clark who was my line manager for all those years and the support he and Jenny gave was immeasurable. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you.

Every Blessing, Colleen.



END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31st MARCH 2021

Prepared by: NEIL MEADOWS

- **Introduction**

The information in these accounts have been transferred from ‘Finance Co-Ordinator’ and reconciled with bank statements. The accounts were examined by Mr P Henderson on 30th July 2021 as per the attached statement.

They have been approved by the Church at the Annual General Meeting.

Receipts and Payments Account

	Total funds	Prior year funds
BF - BMS Birthday Fund (Restricted)		
Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
IN009 - BMS Birthday	£390	£729
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	£390	£729
Total Receipts	£390	£729
Payments		
Charitable activities		
EXP034 - BMS Birthday	£948	£363
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	£948	£363
Total Payments	£948	£363
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(£558)	£366
Brought forward balance	£558	£192
Transfers to/(from)	£20	—
Carried forward balance	£20	£558
BMS - BMS World Mission (Restricted)		
Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
IN010 - BMS World Mission	£20	—
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	£20	—
Total Receipts	£20	—
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	£20	—
Brought forward balance	—	—
Transfers to/(from)	(£20)	—
Carried forward balance	—	—
BT - Own A/C Baby Talk (Restricted)		
Brought forward balance	—	—
Carried forward balance	—	—
CS - Own A/C Coffee Shop (Restricted)		
Receipts		

Incoming resources from charitable activities		
IN029 - Coffee Shop	—	£11,842
<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	—	£11,842
Total Receipts	—	£11,842
Payments		
Charitable activities		
EXP051 - Coffee Shop	£3,523	£8,578
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	£3,523	£8,578
Total Payments	£3,523	£8,578
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(£3,523)	£3,264
Brought forward balance	£3,739	£475
Carried forward balance	£216	£3,739
FA - Fixed Assets (Restricted)		
Brought forward balance	£4,653,174	£4,542,323
Adjustments	(£59,166)	£110,851
Carried forward balance	£4,594,008	£4,653,174
FB - Foodbank (Restricted)		
Brought forward balance	£0	£0
Carried forward balance	£0	£0
FF - Fellowship Fund (Restricted)		
Receipts		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
IN053 - Fellowship Fund	£4,437	£1,894
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	£4,437	£1,894
Total Receipts	£4,437	£1,894
Payments		
Cost of generating funds		
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income</i>		
EXP074 - Fellowship Fund	£9,713	£1,297
EXP078 - Donations - Designated	—	£28
<i>Total Cost of generating voluntary income</i>	£9,713	£1,325
Total Payments	£9,713	£1,325
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	(£5,276)	£568
Brought forward balance	£827	£28
Transfers to/(from)	£500	£231
Carried forward balance	(£3,948)	£827
FFN - Own A/C Family Fun Night (Restricted)		
Receipts		
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
IN031 - Family Fun Night	—	£163
<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	—	£163
Total Receipts	—	£163
Payments		

Charitable activities			
EXP053 - Family Fun Night		—	£471
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	—	£471
Total Payments		—	£471
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		—	(£308)
Brought forward balance		(£308)	—
	Carried forward balance	(£308)	(£308)
FW - Family Worker (Designated)			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
IN013 - Children & Families Pastor		£11,113	£5,486
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	£11,113	£5,486
Total Receipts		£11,113	£5,486
Payments			
Charitable activities			
EXP036 - Children & Families Pastor		£13,247	£5,778
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	£13,247	£5,778
Total Payments		£13,247	£5,778
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(£2,134)	(£292)
Brought forward balance		£6,052	£6,345
	Carried forward balance	£3,918	£6,052
FW - Family Worker (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		(£758)	(£758)
	Carried forward balance	(£758)	(£758)
HMF - BUGB Home Mission Fund (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		—	—
	Carried forward balance	—	—
INF - INF (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		£0	£0
	Carried forward balance	£0	£0
LE - Own A/C Little Explorers (Restricted)			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
IN030 - Impact Own		—	£2,220
	<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	—	£2,220
Total Receipts		—	£2,220
Payments			
Charitable activities			
EXP054 - Little Explorers		—	£2,574
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	—	£2,574
Total Payments		—	£2,574

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	—	(£354)
Brought forward balance	£408	£762
Carried forward balance	£408	£408

LH - Light House (Designated)

Brought forward balance	£112	£112
Carried forward balance	£112	£112

LH - Light House (Restricted)

Payments

Charitable activities		
EXP042 - Light House	—	£14
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>£14</i>

Total Payments

— £14

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	—	(£14)
Brought forward balance	(£115)	(£112)
Transfers to/(from)	£3	£11
Carried forward balance	(£112)	(£115)

MCA - Own A/C Ministers Fellowship (Restricted)

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
IN026 - Minister's Community	£6,687	£2,237
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<i>£6,687</i>	<i>£2,237</i>

Total Receipts

£6,687 £2,237

Payments

Charitable activities		
EXP048 - Minister's Community	£5,854	£1,710
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<i>£5,854</i>	<i>£1,710</i>

Total Payments

£5,854 £1,710

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used	£833	£527
Brought forward balance	£1,504	£977
Carried forward balance	£2,338	£1,504

MIT - Minister in Training (Restricted)

Brought forward balance	£0	£0
Carried forward balance	£0	£0

Miss - Mission (Designated)

Receipts

Incoming resources from generated funds		
<i>Voluntary income</i>		
IN016 - Mission	£901	£390
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<i>£901</i>	<i>£390</i>

Total Receipts

£901 £390

Payments

Charitable activities			
EXP043 - Mission		£1,998	£560
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	<u>£1,998</u>	<u>£560</u>
Total Payments		£1,998	£560
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(£1,096)	(£170)
Brought forward balance		£68	£506
Transfers to/(from)		—	(£268)
	Carried forward balance	(£1,028)	£68
Miss - Mission (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		£0	£0
	Carried forward balance	£0	£0
PC - Preg. Crisis (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		£0	£0
	Carried forward balance	£0	£0
PD - Property development (Designated)			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
IN033 - Toilet Improvements		—	£101
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>£101</u>
Total Receipts		—	£101
Payments			
Cost of generating funds			
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income</i>			
EXP076 - Toilet Improvements		—	£9,906
EXP078 - Donations - Designated		—	£912
	<i>Total Cost of generating voluntary income</i>	<u>—</u>	<u>£10,818</u>
Total Payments		—	£10,818
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		—	(£10,717)
Brought forward balance		£14,746	£25,946
Transfers to/(from)		(£1,539)	(£483)
	Carried forward balance	£13,207	£14,746
PD - Property development (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		(£13,207)	(£13,207)
	Carried forward balance	(£13,207)	(£13,207)
PN - Parish Nurse (Designated)			
Brought forward balance		£0	£0
	Carried forward balance	£0	£0
PP - Power Pack (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		—	—
	Carried forward balance	—	—

SHI - Shine (Restricted)

Brought forward balance		£0	£0
Carried forward balance		£0	£0

SP - Sue Personal (Designated)

Brought forward balance		£269	£269
Carried forward balance		£269	£269

SP - Sue Personal (Restricted)

Brought forward balance		(£268)	(£268)
Carried forward balance		(£268)	(£268)

SS - Chhahari Nepal (Designated)

Brought forward balance		£50	£50
Carried forward balance		£50	£50

SS - Chhahari Nepal (Restricted)**Receipts**

Incoming resources from generated funds

Voluntary income

IN012 - Chhahari Nepal		£157	£120
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>		<i>£157</i>	<i>£120</i>

Total Receipts**£157** **£120****Payments**

Charitable activities

EXP038 - Chhahari Nepal		£267	£100
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>		<i>£267</i>	<i>£100</i>

Total Payments**£267** **£100**

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(£109)	£20
Brought forward balance		£60	£40
Carried forward balance		(£49)	£60

TOA - Own A/C Toddlers (Restricted)**Receipts**

Incoming resources from charitable activities

IN025 - Toddlers Own		£300	£2,313
<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>		<i>£300</i>	<i>£2,313</i>

Total Receipts**£300** **£2,313****Payments**

Charitable activities

EXP047 - Toddlers Own		£623	£2,253
<i>Total Charitable activities</i>		<i>£623</i>	<i>£2,253</i>

Total Payments**£623** **£2,253**

Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(£323)	£59
Brought forward balance		£847	£787
Carried forward balance		£523	£847

UG - Uganda Fund (Restricted)**Receipts**

Incoming resources from generated funds

Voluntary income

IN061 - Uganda Fund

	—	£3,116
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	—	£3,116

Total Receipts

	—	£3,116
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Payments

Cost of generating funds

Cost of generating voluntary income

EXP084 - Uganda Fund

	—	£2,995
<i>Total Cost of generating voluntary income</i>	—	£2,995

Total Payments

	—	£2,995
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

Brought forward balance

Transfers to/(from)

	—	£121
	£654	—
	—	£533
Carried forward balance	£654	£654

VC - Own A/C Vintage Club (Restricted)

Brought forward balance

	£49	£49
Carried forward balance	£49	£49

WB - Welcome Break (Restricted)

Brought forward balance

	£0	£0
Carried forward balance	£0	£0

WBO - Own A/C Welcome Break (Restricted)**Receipts**

Incoming resources from charitable activities

IN028 - Welcome Break Own

	£14	—
<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	£14	—

Total Receipts

	£14	—
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Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used

Brought forward balance

	£14	—
	£45	£45
Carried forward balance	£60	£45

WS - Winter Shelter (Restricted)**Receipts**

Incoming resources from generated funds

Voluntary income

IN051 - Winter Shelter

	£384	£441
<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	£384	£441

Total Receipts

	£384	£441
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Payments

Cost of generating funds

Cost of generating voluntary income

EXP069 - Winter Shelter

	£3,424	£605
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	<i>Total Cost of generating voluntary income</i>	<i>£3,424</i>	<i>£605</i>
Total Payments		£3,424	£605
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		(£3,040)	(£163)
Brought forward balance		£3,424	£3,887
Transfers to/(from)		—	(£300)
	Carried forward balance	£384	£3,424
YDI - Youth Drop-in (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		—	—
	Carried forward balance	—	—
YW - Youth Worker (Designated)			
Brought forward balance		£5,777	£5,777
	Carried forward balance	£5,777	£5,777
YW - Youth Worker (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		(£5,776)	(£5,776)
	Carried forward balance	(£5,776)	(£5,776)
td - TODDLERS (Designated)			
Brought forward balance		£115	£115
	Carried forward balance	£115	£115
td - TODDLERS (Restricted)			
Brought forward balance		(£114)	(£114)
	Carried forward balance	(£114)	(£114)
General - General fund (Unrestricted)			
Receipts			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
<i>Voluntary income</i>			
IN001 - Gift Aid		£48,899	£56,652
IN002 - Collections		£18,362	£21,568
IN003 - Donations - Unr		£35,056	£398
IN004 - Lettings		£1,629	£1,947
IN006 - Sundries		£1	£3
IN016 - Mission		—	£50
IN022 - Tax Refunds		£14,710	£15,798
IN037 - Legacy		£21,380	—
IN042 - Conferences		£400	—
IN044 - Donations - Des		£20,430	£2,105
IN045 - Donations - Res		£5,020	£6,240
IN046 - Church Services		—	£263
IN054 - Church Maintenance		£16,033	£69
IN057 - Manse Maintenance		(£45)	(£1,126)
IN059 - Donations - Photocopier		—	£20
IN063 - 2nd Property		£100	—
	<i>Total Voluntary income</i>	<i>£181,977</i>	<i>£103,990</i>
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
IN048 - Donations - Heat & Lighting		—	£1,200
IN060 - NCC Supplies - Income		—	£21

	<i>Total Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>	—	£1,221
Other incoming resources			
IN049 - Manse Income		£4,599	£8,949
	<i>Total Other incoming resources</i>	£4,599	£8,949
Total Receipts		£186,576	£114,161
Payments			
Cost of generating funds			
<i>Cost of generating voluntary income</i>			
EXP073 - Donations - Restricted		£9,932	£11,272
EXP074 - Fellowship Fund		£600	£600
EXP078 - Donations - Designated		£1,958	£1,050
EXP080 - Manse Allowances		—	£9,618
EXP081 - Manse Maintenance		£1,398	£1,248
EXP085 - Manse Sale & Purchase		£784	—
EXP086 - 2nd Property		£410	—
	<i>Total Cost of generating voluntary income</i>	£15,084	£23,789
Charitable activities			
EXP001 - Stipend & Salaries		£31,044	£29,923
EXP002 - HMRC		£5,338	£5,183
EXP003 - BMPF		£8,535	£9,233
EXP004 - Team Expenses & Resources		£540	£749
EXP005 - Supply - Speakers		—	£350
EXP006 - Manse Allowance		£9,612	—
EXP007 - Manse Insurance		—	£311
EXP009 - Manse Phone		£39	—
EXP010 - Church Insurance		£3,498	£3,490
EXP011 - Gas		£121	£340
EXP012 - Electricity		£7,114	£11,115
EXP013 - Cleaning & Kitchen Supplies		£181	£1,842
EXP014 - Church Maintenance		£5,697	£9,467
EXP015 - Music		£1,145	£69
EXP016 - Junior Church		—	£330
EXP017 - Subscriptions & Copyright		£3,618	£3,603
EXP018 - Conferences		—	£1,084
EXP019 - Books		£820	£1,011
EXP020 - Publicity		£521	£229
EXP024 - Phone and BB Church		£1,087	£951
EXP025 - Photocopier		£1,075	£1,978
EXP026 - Printing & Stationery		£1,572	£1,409
EXP027 - Sundries		—	£309
EXP028 - BMS Contributions		£4,800	£4,320
EXP029 - HMF Contributions		£4,800	£4,320
EXP030 - ICIS Gifts		£2,400	£2,400
EXP035 - Youth Fund		—	£364
EXP036 - Children & Families Pastor		£592	—
EXP037 - Christmas Outreach		—	£357
EXP064 - Messy Church		—	£100
EXP065 - Training		—	£440
EXP067 - Church Services		£6,170	£520
EXP083 - Development		—	£364
	<i>Total Charitable activities</i>	£100,328	£96,172
Other resources used			
EXP087 - Slessor Insurance Repairs		£127	—
	<i>Total Other resources used</i>	£127	—
Total Payments		£115,540	£119,961
Excess of Incoming resources over Resources used		£71,036	(£5,800)
Brought forward balance		£36,835	£42,359
Transfers to/(from)		£1,036	£276
	Carried forward balance	£108,907	£36,835

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Fixed assets			
FA001	Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	£3,720,165	£3,716,472
FA002	Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	£187,142	£186,956
FA003	Pipe Organ in Church	£487,701	£487,217
FA004	Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	£199,000	£262,529
	Total Fixed assets	£4,594,008	£4,653,174
Current assets			
CA001	Bank current account	£106,818	£47,979
CA002	Deposit account	—	—
CA003	Bond 9mths	—	—
CA004	COIF accounts	£1,034	£1,032
CA005	Petty Cash	—	—
CA006	Minister,s Community A/C	£2,338	£1,504
CA007	Toddler,s Own A/C	£523	£847
CA008	Vintage Club A/c	£49	£49
CA009	Welcome Break Own A/C	(£4)	(£18)
CA010	Coffee Shop A/c	£216	£3,739
CA011	Power Pack Own A/C	£19	£19
CA012	Holiday Drop-in A/C	£34	£34
CA013	Youth Drop-in A/C	£408	£408
CA014	Baby Talk A/C	—	—
	Total Current assets	£111,437	£55,595
Liabilities			
LIA001	Underpaid Electricity	—	—
LIA002	Unpaid specified funds	—	—
LIA003	Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—
	Total Liabilities	—	—
	Net Asset surplus(deficit)	£4,705,445	£4,708,769
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	£55,842	—
Z01	Starting balances	£4,708,769	£4,597,918
Z02	Gains/(losses) on investment assets	(£59,166)	£110,851
Z03	Gains and losses own use	—	—
	Total Reserves	£4,705,445	£4,708,769
Represented by funds			
	Unrestricted	£108,907	£36,835
	Designated	£22,420	£27,190
	Restricted	£4,574,118	£4,644,744
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	£4,705,445	£4,708,769

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
Church Building Rosemary St. Mansfield	—	—	£3,720,165	—	£3,720,165	£3,716,472
Fixtures & Fittings in Church building	—	—	£187,142	—	£187,142	£186,956
Pipe Organ in Church	—	—	£487,701	—	£487,701	£487,217
Manse 50, Andover Road, Mansfield	—	—	£199,000	—	£199,000	£262,529

Totals	—	—	£4,594,008	—	£4,594,008	£4,653,174
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank current account	£107,956	£22,420	(£23,557)	—	£106,818	£47,979
Totals	£107,872	£22,420	(£19,889)	—	£110,402	£54,563
Current assets - Investments						
Deposit account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bond 9mths	—	—	—	—	—	—
COIF accounts	£1,034	—	—	—	£1,034	£1,032
Totals	£1,034	—	—	—	£1,034	£1,032
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Petty Cash	(£500)	—	£500	—	—	—
Minister,s Community A/C	—	—	£2,338	—	£2,338	£1,504
Toddler,s Own A/C	£365	—	£158	—	£523	£847
Vintage Club A/c	—	—	£49	—	£49	£49
Welcome Break Own A/C	—	—	(£4)	—	(£4)	(£18)
Coffee Shop A/c	—	—	£216	—	£216	£3,739
Power Pack Own A/C	—	—	£19	—	£19	£19
Holiday Drop-in A/C	£10	—	£24	—	£34	£34
Youth Drop-in A/C	£41	—	£366	—	£408	£408
Baby Talk A/C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	£107,872	£22,420	(£19,889)	—	£110,402	£54,563
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year						
Underpaid Electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unpaid specified funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year						
Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total	£108,907	£22,420	£4,574,118	—	£4,705,445	£4,708,769

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
BF - BMS Birthday Fund						
Restricted	£558	£390	£948	£20	—	£20
Sub-total for BF	£558	£390	£948	£20	—	£20
BMS - BMS World Mission						
Restricted	—	£20	—	(£20)	—	—
Sub-total for BMS	—	£20	—	(£20)	—	—
BT - Own A/C Baby Talk						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for BT	—	—	—	—	—	—
CS - Own A/C Coffee Shop						
Restricted	£3,739	—	£3,523	—	—	£216
Sub-total for CS	£3,739	—	£3,523	—	—	£216
FA - Fixed Assets						
Restricted	£4,653,174	—	—	—	(£59,166)	£4,594,008
Sub-total for FA	£4,653,174	—	—	—	(£59,166)	£4,594,008
FB - Foodbank						
Restricted	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
Sub-total for FB	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
FF - Fellowship Fund						
Restricted	£827	£4,437	£9,713	£500	—	(£3,948)
Sub-total for FF	£827	£4,437	£9,713	£500	—	(£3,948)
FFN - Own A/C Family Fun N						

Restricted	(£308)	—	—	—	—	(£308)
Sub-total for FFN	(£308)	—	—	—	—	(£308)
FW - Family Worker						
Designated	£6,052	£11,113	£13,247	—	—	£3,918
Restricted	(£758)	—	—	—	—	(£758)
Sub-total for FW	£5,294	£11,113	£13,247	—	—	£3,160
HMF - BUGB Home Mission Fu						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for HMF	—	—	—	—	—	—
INF - INF						
Restricted	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
Sub-total for INF	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
LE - Own A/C Little Explo						
Restricted	£408	—	—	—	—	£408
Sub-total for LE	£408	—	—	—	—	£408
LH - Light House						
Designated	£112	—	—	—	—	£112
Restricted	(£115)	—	—	£3	—	(£112)
Sub-total for LH	(£3)	—	—	£3	—	£0
MCA - Own A/C Ministers Fe						
Restricted	£1,504	£6,687	£5,854	—	—	£2,338
Sub-total for MCA	£1,504	£6,687	£5,854	—	—	£2,338
MIT - Minister in Training						
Restricted	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
Sub-total for MIT	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
Miss - Mission						
Designated	£68	£901	£1,998	—	—	(£1,028)
Restricted	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
Sub-total for Miss	£68	£901	£1,998	—	—	(£1,027)
PC - Preg. Crisis						
Restricted	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
Sub-total for PC	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
PD - Property development						
Designated	£14,746	—	—	(£1,539)	—	£13,207
Restricted	(£13,207)	—	—	—	—	(£13,207)
Sub-total for PD	£1,539	—	—	(£1,539)	—	£0
PN - Parish Nurse						
Designated	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
Sub-total for PN	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
PP - Power Pack						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for PP	—	—	—	—	—	—
SHI - Shine						
Restricted	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
Sub-total for SHI	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
SP - Sue Personal						
Designated	£269	—	—	—	—	£269
Restricted	(£268)	—	—	—	—	(£268)
Sub-total for SP	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
SS - Chhahari Nepal						
Designated	£50	—	—	—	—	£50
Restricted	£60	£157	£267	—	—	(£49)
Sub-total for SS	£110	£157	£267	—	—	£0
TOA - Own A/C Toddlers						
Restricted	£847	£300	£623	—	—	£523
Sub-total for TOA	£847	£300	£623	—	—	£523
UG - Uganda Fund						

Restricted	£654	—	—	—	—	£654
Sub-total for UG	£654	—	—	—	—	£654
VC - Own A/C Vintage Club						
Restricted	£49	—	—	—	—	£49
Sub-total for VC	£49	—	—	—	—	£49
WB - Welcome Break						
Restricted	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
Sub-total for WB	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
WBO - Own A/C Welcome Brea						
Restricted	£45	£14	—	—	—	£60
Sub-total for WBO	£45	£14	—	—	—	£60
WS - Winter Shelter						
Restricted	£3,424	£384	£3,424	—	—	£384
Sub-total for WS	£3,424	£384	£3,424	—	—	£384
YDI - Youth Drop-in						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for YDI	—	—	—	—	—	—
YW - Youth Worker						
Designated	£5,777	—	—	—	—	£5,777
Restricted	(£5,776)	—	—	—	—	(£5,776)
Sub-total for YW	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
td - TODDLERS						
Designated	£115	—	—	—	—	£115
Restricted	(£114)	—	—	—	—	(£114)
Sub-total for td	£0	—	—	—	—	£0
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	£36,835	£186,576	£115,540	£1,036	—	£108,907
Sub-total for General	£36,835	£186,576	£115,540	£1,036	—	£108,907
Grand total	£4,708,769	£210,982	£155,139	—	(£59,166)	£4,705,445

Analysis of receipts and payments

Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
IN001 - Gift Aid	£48,899	—	—	—	£48,899	£56,652
IN002 - Collections	£18,362	—	—	—	£18,362	£21,568
IN003 - Donations - Unr	£35,056	—	—	—	£35,056	£398
IN004 - Lettings	£1,629	—	—	—	£1,629	£1,947
IN005 - INF	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN006 - Sundries	£1	—	—	—	£1	£3
IN007 - Maintenance	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN008 - Property Development	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN009 - BMS Birthday	—	—	£390	—	£390	£729
IN010 - BMS World Mission	—	—	£20	—	£20	—
IN011 - BUGB Home Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN012 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	£157	—	£157	£120
IN013 - Children & Families Pastor	—	£11,113	—	—	£11,113	£5,486
IN016 - Mission	—	£901	—	—	£901	£440
IN019 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN021 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN022 - Tax Refunds	£14,710	—	—	—	£14,710	£15,798
IN023 - Sue Personal	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN026 - Minister's Community	—	—	£6,687	—	£6,687	£2,237
IN033 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	£101
IN035 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN036 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—

IN037 - Legacy	£21,380	—	—	—	£21,380	—
IN038 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN040 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN042 - Conferences	£400	—	—	—	£400	—
IN044 - Donations - Des	£20,430	—	—	—	£20,430	£2,105
IN045 - Donations - Res	£5,020	—	—	—	£5,020	£6,240
IN046 - Church Services	—	—	—	—	—	£263
IN050 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN051 - Winter Shelter	—	—	£384	—	£384	£441
IN052 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN053 - Fellowship Fund	—	—	£4,437	—	£4,437	£1,894
IN054 - Church Maintenance	£16,033	—	—	—	£16,033	£69
IN055 - Supply	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN056 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN057 - Manse Maintenance	(£45)	—	—	—	(£45)	(£1,126)
IN058 - Expenses Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN059 - Donations - Photocopier	—	—	—	—	—	£20
IN061 - Uganda Fund	—	—	—	—	—	£3,116
IN062 - Children & Families Pastor - Resources	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN063 - 2nd Property	£100	—	—	—	£100	—
Total	£181,977	£12,014	£12,076	—	£206,068	£118,507

Incoming resources from charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
IN014 - Light House	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN015 - Minister in Training	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN017 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN018 - Preg Crisis	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN020 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN024 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN025 - Toddlers Own	—	—	£300	—	£300	£2,313
IN027 - Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN028 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	£14	—	£14	—
IN029 - Coffee Shop	—	—	—	—	—	£11,842
IN030 - Impact Own	—	—	—	—	—	£2,220
IN031 - Family Fun Night	—	—	—	—	—	£163
IN032 - Little Explorers	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN039 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN041 - Other Salaries Income	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN043 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN047 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN048 - Donations - Heat & Lighting	—	—	—	—	—	£1,200
IN060 - NCC Supplies - Income	—	—	—	—	—	£21
Total	—	—	£314	—	£314	£17,759

Other incoming resources

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
IN034 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
IN049 - Manse Income	£4,599	—	—	—	£4,599	£8,949
Total	£4,599	—	—	—	£4,599	£8,949

INCOME TOTAL	£186,576	£12,014	£12,390	—	£210,982	£145,217
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Cost of generating funds

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP056 - EMBA Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP077 - Interim Minister	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP082 - Travel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP069 - Winter Shelter	—	—	£3,424	—	£3,424	£605
EXP070 - 200th Anniversary	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP072 - Nepal Earthquake	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP073 - Donations - Restricted	£9,932	—	—	—	£9,932	£11,272
EXP074 - Fellowship Fund	£600	—	£9,713	—	£10,313	£1,897
EXP075 - Dishwasher	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP076 - Toilet Improvements	—	—	—	—	—	£9,906
EXP078 - Donations - Designated	£1,958	—	—	—	£1,958	£1,990
EXP079 - Induction	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP080 - Manse Allowances	—	—	—	—	—	£9,618
EXP081 - Manse Maintenance	£1,398	—	—	—	£1,398	£1,248
EXP084 - Uganda Fund	—	—	—	—	—	£2,995
EXP085 - Manse Sale & Purchase	£784	—	—	—	£784	—
EXP086 - 2nd Property	£410	—	—	—	£410	—
Total	£15,084	—	£13,137	—	£28,222	£39,534

Charitable activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
					<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
EXP001 - Stipend & Salaries	£31,044	—	—	—	£31,044	£29,923
EXP002 - HMRC	£5,338	—	—	—	£5,338	£5,183
EXP003 - BMPF	£8,535	—	—	—	£8,535	£9,233
EXP004 - Team Expenses & Resources	£540	—	—	—	£540	£749
EXP005 - Supply - Speakers	—	—	—	—	—	£350
EXP006 - Manse Allowance	£9,612	—	—	—	£9,612	—
EXP007 - Manse Insurance	—	—	—	—	—	£311
EXP008 - Manse Fuel	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP009 - Manse Phone	£39	—	—	—	£39	—
EXP010 - Church Insurance	£3,498	—	—	—	£3,498	£3,490
EXP011 - Gas	£121	—	—	—	£121	£340
EXP012 - Electricity	£7,114	—	—	—	£7,114	£11,115
EXP013 - Cleaning & Kitchen Supplies	£181	—	—	—	£181	£1,842
EXP014 - Church Maintenance	£5,697	—	—	—	£5,697	£9,467
EXP015 - Music	£1,145	—	—	—	£1,145	£69
EXP016 - Junior Church	—	—	—	—	—	£330
EXP017 - Subscriptions & Copyright	£3,618	—	—	—	£3,618	£3,603
EXP018 - Conferences	—	—	—	—	—	£1,084
EXP019 - Books	£820	—	—	—	£820	£1,011
EXP020 - Publicity	£521	—	—	—	£521	£229

EXP021 - Youth Worker	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP022 - Administrator	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP023 - FW Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP024 - Phone and BB Church	£1,087	—	—	—	£1,087	£951
EXP025 - Photocopier	£1,075	—	—	—	£1,075	£1,978
EXP026 - Printing & Stationery	£1,572	—	—	—	£1,572	£1,409
EXP027 - Sundries	—	—	—	—	—	£309
EXP028 - BMS Contributions	£4,800	—	—	—	£4,800	£4,320
EXP029 - HMF Contributions	£4,800	—	—	—	£4,800	£4,320
EXP030 - ICIS Gifts	£2,400	—	—	—	£2,400	£2,400
EXP031 - INF Gifts	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP032 - Evangelical Alliance Gift	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP033 - Outreach Giving	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP034 - BMS Birthday	—	—	£948	—	£948	£363
EXP035 - Youth Fund	—	—	—	—	—	£364
EXP036 - Children & Families Pastor	£592	£13,247	—	—	£13,839	£5,778
EXP037 - Christmas Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	£357
EXP038 - Chhahari Nepal	—	—	£267	—	£267	£100
EXP039 - Property	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP040 - Impact	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP041 - Minister in training	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP042 - Light House	—	—	—	—	—	£14
EXP043 - Mission	—	£1,998	—	—	£1,998	£560
EXP044 - Welcome Break	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP045 - Sue Psnl	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP046 - Shine	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP047 - Toddlers Own	—	—	£623	—	£623	£2,253
EXP048 - Minister's Community	—	—	£5,854	—	£5,854	£1,710
EXP049 - Vintage Club	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP050 - Welcome Break Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP051 - Coffee Shop	—	—	£3,523	—	£3,523	£8,578
EXP052 - Impact Own	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP053 - Family Fun Night	—	—	—	—	—	£471
EXP054 - Little Explorers	—	—	—	—	—	£2,574
EXP055 - Youth Pastor	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP057 - Parish Nurse	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP058 - Shaw Trust	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP059 - Lounge Tables	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP060 - BMS World Mission	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP061 - Garden Plants	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP062 - Other Salaries	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP063 - Foodbank	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP064 - Messy Church	—	—	—	—	—	£100
EXP065 - Training	—	—	—	—	—	£440
EXP066 - Baby Talk	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP067 - Church Services	£6,170	—	—	—	£6,170	£520
EXP071 - Social Justice	—	—	—	—	—	—
EXP083 - Development	—	—	—	—	—	£364
Total	£100,328	£15,245	£11,215	—	£126,789	£118,576

Other resources used

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
EXP087 - Slessor Insurance Repairs	£127	—	—	—	£127	—
Total	£127	—	—	—	£127	—

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	£115,540	£15,245	£24,353	—	£155,139	£158,110
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GRAND TOTAL	£71,036	(£3,230)	(£11,962)	—	£55,842	(£12,893)
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- **Conclusion**

These are a fair and true record of the financial activities of Mansfield Baptist Church for the year commencing 1st April 2020 and ending 31st March 2021, kept by Neil Meadows, Church Treasurer.

This report dated: 31st July 2021

Signed *neil meadows*

MR NEIL MEADOWS



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

MANSFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1141724

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2020.

**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:

Patrick Henderson

Date:

30/7/21

Name:

PATRICK HENDERSON

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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