



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.



**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

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.

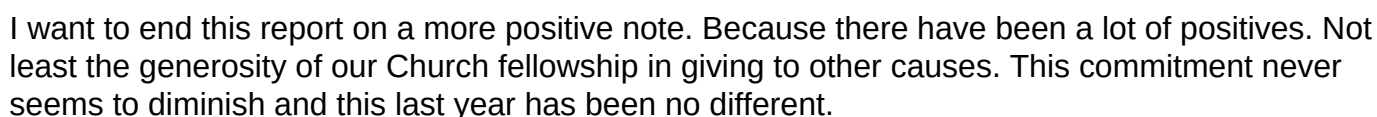
So, despite these major events the general fund was unaffected. However, it must be noted that the c. £9,000 general fund surplus would have resulted in a £16,000 deficit without the £25,000 from Stanton Hill. An anticipated budget deficit of £6,755 was forecasted. As a result, there was an underperformance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

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Last Year £88,864

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.



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



# 06

# 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

# 07- 08

## 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. Its 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.

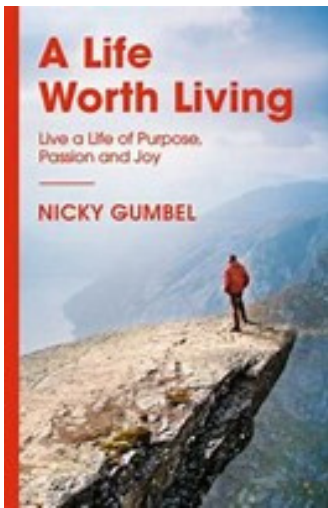
Yakhal and Quavah: Christian hope looks back to the risen Jesus in order to look forward ..and so we wait.

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.

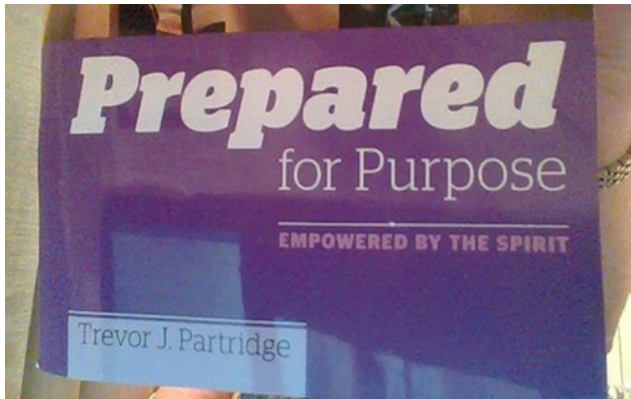
(Did you remember the phrases?)





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

# 14

## 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**



# 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.



# 16

## 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.

# 17

## 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



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](mailto:davidardron456@hotmail.com) asking to be put on Claire's mailing list.

David Ardron

# 19

## 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**

# 20

## RenewWellbeing

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

# 21

## 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.

# 22

## 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



# 23

# 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

# 24

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
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
<b>Total income</b>	<b>145,631</b>	<b>8,631</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>154,262</b>	<b>122,655</b>
<b>Resources used</b>					
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
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>162,666</b>	<b>13,315</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>175,981</b>	<b>156,615</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>(17,035)</b>	<b>(4,684)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(21,719)</b>	<b>(33,960)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	309
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(309)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	711,852	—	711,852	495,917
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(17,035)</b>	<b>707,168</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>690,133</b>	<b>461,957</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>99,577</b>	<b>5,067,826</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,167,403</b>	<b>4,705,446</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>82,541</b>	<b>5,774,995</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,857,536</b>	<b>5,167,403</b>
<b>Represented by</b>					
<b>Unrestricted</b>					
General fund	74,935	—	—	74,935	81,180
<b>Designated</b>					
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
<b>Restricted</b>					
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
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
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	—
	<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>5,801,777</b>	<b>5,089,925</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
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	—	—
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>55,759</b>	<b>77,478</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
LIA001	Underpaid Electricity	—	—
LIA002	Unpaid specified funds	—	—

LIA003	Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus(deficit)</b>	<b>5,857,536</b>	<b>5,167,403</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	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	—	—
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>5,857,536</b>	<b>5,167,403</b>
<b>Represented by funds</b>			
	Unrestricted	74,935	81,180
	Designated	7,607	18,396
	Restricted	5,774,995	5,067,826
	Endowment	—	—
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,857,536</b>	<b>5,167,403</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
<b>Fixed assets - Tangible assets</b>						
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	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,801,777</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,801,777</b>	<b>5,089,925</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
Bank current account	73,965	7,607	(29,304)	—	52,268	74,296
<b>Totals</b>	<b>73,881</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>(26,782)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>54,705</b>	<b>76,443</b>
<b>Current assets - Investments</b>						
Deposit account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bond 9mths	—	—	—	—	—	—
COIF accounts	1,054	—	—	—	1,054	1,035
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>1,035</b>
<b>Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
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	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>73,881</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>(26,782)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>54,705</b>	<b>76,443</b>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year</b>						
Underpaid Electricity	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unpaid specified funds	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Liabilities - Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>						
Long-Term loan EMBA	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>74,935</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>5,774,995</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5,857,536</b>	<b>5,167,403</b>

## Fund movement by type

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

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

## Analysis of income and expenditure

### Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	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

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	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	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>1,351</b>

### Other incoming resources

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

<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>135,228</b>	<b>10,402</b>	<b>8,631</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>154,262</b>	<b>122,655</b>
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### Cost of generating funds

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

### Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>Total This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
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

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	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	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,243</b>	<b>21,192</b>	<b>7,472</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>136,908</b>	<b>122,968</b>

#### Other resources used

						<b>Total</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
EXP087 - Slessor Insurance Repairs	—	—	—	—	—	15,851
<b>Total</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15,851</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>141,474</b>	<b>21,192</b>	<b>13,315</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>175,981</b>	<b>156,615</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>(6,245)</b>	<b>(10,790)</b>	<b>(4,684)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(21,719)</b>	<b>(33,960)</b>

#### • Conclusion

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

This report dated: 7<sup>th</sup> 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

31<sup>st</sup> 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").

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:

*21/5/23*

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.

None