

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Registered Charity no. 1141792

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ending 31 December 2022

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Charitable Status	Wotton-under-Edge Baptist Church is a Registered Charity no. 1141792	
Church Address	Wotton-under-Edge Baptist Church The Rope Walk Wotton-under-Edge Gloucestershire GL12 7AA	
Managing Trustees	Thomas Wharin Andrew Lockton Martin Barker Arlene Greenwood Sarah-Louise Sudlow Andy Williams	Minister from 1 May 2010 (employee) Secretary from 16 Sep 2021 Treasurer from 15 Sep 2016 Deacon from 16 Sep 2019 (employee) Deacon from 16 Sep 2019 Deacon 16 Sep 2019 to Sep 2022
Custodian Trustees	West of England Baptist Network Little Stoke Baptist Church Kingsway Little Stoke Bristol BS34 6JW	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Wotton-under-Edge Branch 23 Long Street Wotton-under-Edge Gloucestershire GL12 7DA	
Independent Examiner	Linda Hughes Burton Sweet Chartered Certified Accountants Well House The Chipping Wotton-under-Edge Gloucestershire	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity:

As stated in Wotton Baptist Church's Governing Document the 'principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.'

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

During the reporting period the church has achieved its principal purpose by seeking to provide spiritual and practical help to individuals, within and connected to the church and to bless and benefit our local, national and international communities through our links. Many activities have been undertaken and these are set out in the "charitable activities" section below, and it is considered that they are all for the public benefit.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning our current and future activities, and believe that they comply with this guidance.

Achievements and Performance

Throughout the reporting period the church has actively complied with statutory requirements such as data protection and safeguarding. This year we adopted an updated data protection policy following advice from the Baptist Union of Great Britain and have worked to implement this new policy. Safeguarding checks are kept up to date. As part of the general debate about diversity in organisations the church seeks to engage with and encourage people from all backgrounds – one area of strength for the church is its engagement with families with children with disabilities.

Congregational

Throughout 2022, the church has gradually returned to a more normal way of working; post-pandemic Sunday congregations are now similar to those seen pre-pandemic. Zoom is still offered to those unable to attend – those with Covid symptoms are asked not to attend in person – but most weeks this is less than 10 people. Church membership has grown modestly, bucking the national trend – we believe that this reflects an appetite for an evangelical stance coupled to a modern style of worship and a habit of community activities. It also reflects a commitment within members and attendees to understand and apply the Christian faith in their lives, which in turn benefits the local community. The church had 101 members at the end of the year, up 8 from the beginning of the year. A headcount towards the end of the year across 3 Sundays documented that on a Sunday, 77 adults and 28 under 18's attended. Across all activities the church was in contact with a larger number of adults and under 18's demonstrating that the church reaches beyond its membership to support the local community. During the minister's sabbatical (July to Sept) there was an opportunity for the church to hear from a wide range of speakers – which proved a time of encouragement and development.

During the week, homegroups i.e. smaller local groups, have continued to operate along similar lines to the main church meeting, in respect to post-Covid measures. These are individualised to members spiritual, emotional and practical needs and have been another way of encouraging individual and corporate spiritual growth. A number of new homegroups have started during 2022.

Children and youth activities that were severely affected by Covid-19 restrictions have returned to the pre-pandemic pattern with regular meetings held through the week for all school ages up to 18 years. There is a pattern of activity-based meetings through the week and more faith based activities on Sundays. During the year the church ran a holiday club for primary school age children with youth age groups helping out alongside adult volunteers. Across the week an average of 50 children attended. Members of the kidzone and youth groups attended Spree (11 children up to 11; 21 youth aged between 11 and 18; <https://www.spreesw.org/>) – which is an event run by Urban Saints/SWYM for youth groups across the South-West. The aim of our youth groups is to encourage growth in the Christian Faith and live lives according to Christian principles based on Jesus's instruction to 'love your neighbour as yourself.' As part of that church young people are engaged via the Pulse Community Youth Group and groups volunteering at Wotton Community Sports Foundation. Across the week the church has contact with children and youth from church families and from outside the church with total numbers each around 40 children and 30 youth.

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The church operated a 'warm space' on Mondays specifically and made the church available at other times of the week when practical. This ran from 14th November for 6 weeks. Take up was minimal and the regular Monday arrangement was discontinued in 2023 although we still welcome people to come and use the church when it is open for other events.

The church has hosted and facilitated town council meetings re Cost of Living and Ukraine Support hub meetings.

During this year no major renovation projects were undertaken by the church although smaller works were completed in line with requirements as a listed building. At the beginning of the year the church signed up to a Ecochurch accreditation system run by an organisation known as A Rocha (Charity No. 1089276). Work was completed to achieve Bronze level accreditation – awarded to the church in Jan 2023.

Local

The church is an active member of Churches Together in Wotton (Charity no. 1113299) which carries out a variety of community activities in the town of Wotton-under-Edge and surrounding villages. During the year Churches Together distributed Bibles to all primary school leavers including some at a leavers service at WBC. WBC also participated in joint Easter celebrations, Remembrance Day commemorations and a Christmas card distribution.

Debt advice as overseen by Wotton Baptist Church was wound up through 2022 due to a failure to find anyone to oversee the service when the previous incumbent stepped down. However, we were able to partner with another local Baptist Church in Thornbury who will supervise two continuing debt advisors.

During 2022 the church reinstated its pre-pandemic provision of a toddler group (Little Fishes). This runs each Thursday morning in term time providing a range of toys and craft activities for toddlers as well as drinks and snacks for adults and children. We always sing nursery rhymes and read a Bible story together at the end of our session. It's an opportunity to serve and bless families in Wotton and to share God's love with them. This group is well attended by approximately 20 children and their carers, which provides a valuable service to the community.

The pastor and youth worker have continued to provide regular input into local schools, contributing to school assemblies, class teaching and through 'Open the Book.' Open the Book is an arrangement by which church members, as part of a churches together initiative, read the Bible in schools. The work that The Door (Charity No 1131919) were doing in the town was discontinued in September 2022 but the youth worker who was involved continues informally to have good contacts with non-Church Youth through her established connections, pending a review of more formal provision.

Various activities are run from the church premises but are not overseen by the church itself. The church charges a fee to cover its costs and these contributions go to the building fund. Regular bookings include Brownies, Slimming World, an exercise class, a local tutor, a chamber music group and a ballroom dance couple. The local food bank and debt advice centre also use the premises free of charge. The hall is also regularly used for private birthday parties and fund-raising events, including the Tearfund Big Quiz in November. The church space is occasionally used by choirs/other music groups.

Regional

The church supports a Bristol based charity (Charity No 1062391), One25, which provides support to streetworkers – providing a place of safety for these vulnerable women and mechanisms for rehabilitation back into mainstream society. The church receives updates from One25 and has provided financial support directly and encourages members to give directly if they would like to do so.

Through the regional Baptist association (WEBNET; Charity No 1092443) and the national association (the Baptist Union of Great Britain (Charity No. 1181392) the church is engaged with national issues and encourages church members to engage with government consultation and with their local MPs where and when appropriate.

The church made a donation of £500 to New Wine (Charity No. 1084415) which is an organisation that runs an annual conference for Christians which church members have attended regularly. During Covid the organisation had struggled financially as it was unable to hold annual conferences and the church wanted to support New Wine in recovering and continuing its operations.

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Our minister and two members continue to support a small team seeking to bring new life to the Congregational Chapel in Charfield. In Spring 2022 a well-attended Alpha course was run at the chapel. In February one of WBC's members ran a bereavement course at the chapel. Subsequent weekly coffee mornings have been well attended and building works have been carried out to preserve the premises.

International

The church supports and engages with a number of international organisations. These include:

The Baptist Missionary Society (Charity No. 1174364). The church receives and circulates regular information from BMS Missionaries based in Bangladesh and Thailand. Those in Bangladesh are involved in training, teaching, supporting and pastoral care. They are currently working with nationals training them to work as missionaries within Bangladesh. Those in Thailand work with BMS partner Thailand Karen Baptist Convention, helping to build up an IT ministry, as well as teaching English and teaching baking to youth and women within the TBK and the community. Over Zoom the church received an update from the missionaries in Thailand and has been kept up to date with both missionaries via regular updates. In response the church supports these missionaries through prayer and giving.

Dagoretti (Charity No. 1104382). The Dagoretti Corner Street Children Programme charity provides rehabilitation, education and provision of food for ex-street children in Dagoretti, a deprived area of Nairobi in Kenya. Currently, nine young men aged between 20 and 25 live on land owned by the charity under the care of resident house parents, Mutunga and Florence. The church provides prayer and financial support (£600 in 2021), alongside contributing by members holding Trustees membership.

Open Doors (Charity No. 1125684). This is an international charity focussed on people who are persecuted for their religious beliefs. Open Doors campaigns on behalf of victims, provides practical care for them and their families and works with governments to promote religious tolerance. The church supports Open Doors through prayer and giving and members are encouraged to write letters to the appropriate authorities in specific situations.

Tearfund (Charity No. 265464). Tearfund is a large international development and relief organisation which the church actively engages with in a number of ways, including prayer and financial support. This year a Tearfund representative spoke at a Sunday Service. We also again joined the Tearfund event, 'The Big Quiz' this year which raised £750. These donations were given directly to Tearfund via a JustGiving page.

The New Life Evangelical Christian Church in Svitlovods'k, Ukraine. As the war in Ukraine progressed the church wanted to show support for and help people in Ukraine. A Ukrainian national, who became a member of WBC during 2022, had previously been a member of this church in central Ukraine and her mother was still a member of one of the churches the pastor served. We connected with this pastor, Pastor Valera Gorobets, and in May made a financial donation of £5000 which was spent on food parcels for refugees and passing soldiers, making safe temporary accommodation for refugees & supplying aid to another church in Kharkiev. We have substantiated that giving was used as agreed to provide support to church members, local people in need and refugees fleeing fighting in the east of the country, and specifically asked for it not to be used for military purposes. This was followed by a gift of winter clothing and torches in late 2022 of which £250 was using church funds, together with gifts from church members and attendees. Again we sought to confirm that the goods, were transported securely, arrived safely and were used as promised. Pastor Valera has sent numerous notes and films (via whatsapp) with the thanks of the church and photos of aid being distributed.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Wotton-under-Edge Baptist Church is constituted under a Constitution adopted on 16 September 2010. Prior to this date it was constituted under a Trust Deed. The church is part of the Baptist Union of Great Britain network, registration number 9074. A Governing Document defines the way it operates.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity will look for new trustees as required. Such persons will need to be eligible to serve in accordance with the Articles of Association. During the reporting period one trustee stepped down and has not been replaced to date. Trustees are proposed and seconded by church members and confirmed by a vote as described in the Governing Document.

Organisational structure

The day-to-day administration of the Church is undertaken by a part-time administrative staff member. During 2022 the way that the church is overseen was modified. The Trustees continue with overall responsibility for the way the church is run subject to approval by the church membership, in line with Baptist practice. However, the trustee meetings focus on the fiduciary responsibilities of the church – safeguarding, health and safety, financial oversight and issues linked to the buildings. We believe that this brings focus to these areas and the trustees meet alternate months to ensure regular oversight. The group who were previously team leaders, who have oversight for particular areas in the Church life have been retitled Ministry Team Leaders. They still have responsibilities for activities such as worship, prayer, mission and children and youth work. This group was bolstered by two new members during 2022 and meet monthly together with the trustees to ensure delivery of the church's purpose as defined in the governing document. We believe that this allows the church's purpose to be delivered more robustly.

In total we have 4 paid members of staff:

- Tom Wharin, our minister, has been with us for over 12 years, and has ably and wisely led us through the Covid 19 pandemic and together with the leadership team is helping us think about how we "do church", and how we connect with the local community in a post-pandemic world. He is much valued and loved, and is a well known and respected figure by all ages in the community. During 2022 Tom took a 3 month sabbatical allowing him to do various activities which allowed him to re-evaluate church life in the context above as well as recharge his energies through time with his family.
- Karen Dover continues as our part-time Youth Worker, and has rebuilt the church youth programme following the pandemic. Karen has engaged with additional training this year at Mullers Association in Bristol doing a Scripture, Theology & Culture Course. She is helped by a group of dedicated volunteers.
- Arlene Greenwood continues to keep us all in order as our church Administrator in term-time. She is the first point of contact for bookings to use the premises, and ably and efficiently produces adverts and flyers for events as needed, circulating emails as needed and maintaining adherence to GDPR requirements.
- Kelly Watkins is our part-time cleaner, who cheerfully and consistently keeps the premises clean every week.

Procedures for induction and training of new trustees

Prospective trustees are made aware of their obligations by being provided with Charity Commission literature and website links and through discussions with the chair of the Trustees, generally the church pastor.

Reserves Policy

- s The trustees consider that the level of free reserves held in the General Fund (£33,745 at the end of 2022) should cover three months' maximum expenditure in order to enable the church to fulfil its legal obligations with respect to employees and creditors in the event that the church ceases to exist. The average three-monthly normal expenditure in 2022 was about £24,100 (2021 - £23,600).

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Trustees

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing the statement the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

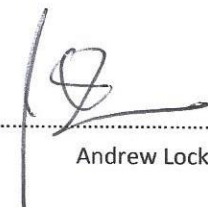
The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to enable trustees to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 20th April 2023

and signed on their behalf by:


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Martin Barker, Treasurer


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Andrew Lockton, Secretary

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income	Note 2	100,857.72	4,010.00	104,867.72	162,913.16
Investment Income	Note 3	223.58	868.15	1,091.73	895.54
Other incoming resources	Note 4	928.02	9,745.56	10,673.58	6,219.01
Incoming Resources		102,009.32	14,623.71	116,633.03	170,027.71
Asset and Investment sales, etc.	Note 9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Incoming Resources		102,009.32	14,623.71	116,633.03	170,027.71
Resources Expended					
Charitable activities	Note 5	96,065.38	20,918.85	116,984.23	175,049.40
Governance costs	Note 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other resources expended		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resources Expended	Notes 6 to 8	96,065.38	20,918.85	116,984.23	175,049.40
Asset and Investment sales, etc	Note 9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Resources Expended		96,065.38	20,918.85	116,984.23	175,049.40
Net Movement in Funds					
Net Incoming Resources		5,943.94	-6,295.14	-351.20	-5,021.69
Transfer Between Funds		100.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00
Total Funds Brought Forward at 1 January		27,700.57	16,762.59	44,463.16	49,484.85
Total Funds Carried Forward at 31 December		33,744.51	10,367.45	44,111.96	44,463.16
Assets (not capitalised)					
Tangible Fixed Assets	Note 9	0.00	2,122,125.00	2,122,125.00	2,122,125.00
Bank and Cash	Note 10	33,744.51	10,367.45	44,111.96	44,463.16
Total Assets		33,744.51	2,132,492.45	2,166,236.96	2,166,588.16
Current Liabilities	Note 11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL NET CURRENT ASSETS		33,744.51	2,132,492.45	2,166,236.96	2,166,588.16

Approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

Martin Barker, Treasurer

2023

Andrew Lockton, Secretary

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICY

a) General

The financial statements have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and accord with S.42(3) Charities Act 1993

b) Tangible Assets

Freehold buildings and land not depreciated
Church buildings are Grade II listed and valued at their insurance value
The manse is valued at cost

c) Voluntary Income

Voluntary income is donations and gifts and is included
in full in the statement of Financial Activities when received

d) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated
for the objects of Wotton Baptist Church without further specific purpose
and are available as general funds.

e) Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Managing
Trustees for particular purposes. In 2022 there were no Designated Funds.

f) Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for the specific purpose as laid down
by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified
to the fund.

g) Resources Expended

Expenditure is included on a cash basis and is allocated directly
to expenditure headings

h) Governance costs

This represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church.
Management is carried out without charge by volunteers supported by our employees which include a minister and part time administrator.
The intangible cost is not included in the Statement of Financial Activities since there is no measurable cost to the volunteers
for their services.

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		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
				2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
2. VOLUNTARY INCOME					
Offering		81,803.25	2,850.00	84,653.25	80,951.51
Tax refund		18,847.31	1,160.00	20,007.31	45,507.88
Gift Days			0.00	0.00	28,820.00
One Off Gifts		207.16	0.00	207.16	7,633.77
VOLUNTARY INCOME TOTAL		100,857.72	4,010.00	104,867.72	162,913.16

3. INVESTMENT INCOME					
Charity Commissioners dividend			868.15	868.15	845.92
Interest		223.58	0.00	223.58	49.62
INVESTMENT INCOME TOTAL		223.58	868.15	1,091.73	895.54

4. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES					
Hall use (for Bldg Fund)		0.00	4,474.00	4,474.00	2,545.00
Sundry Receipts		150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Refunds		0.00	0.00	0.00	926.72
Little Fishes		438.02	0.00	438.02	0.00
Kidzone		0.00	0.00	0.00	37.29
Youth trips various		0.00		0.00	0.00
Viney hill (Youth Trip) after refunds		287.00		287.00	2,440.00
Collections for causes			5,271.56	5,271.56	120.00
Pulse		53.00	0.00	53.00	0.00
Total		928.02	9,745.56	10,673.58	6,219.01
INCOMING RESOURCES TOTAL		102,009.32	14,623.71	116,633.03	170,027.71

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
			2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
5. COSTS OF ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CHURCH'S CHARITABLE AIMS				
MINISTRY				
MINISTER				
Stipend	29,436.15	313.49	29,749.64	29,357.34
National Insurance Emp Contr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pension WBC Contr	6,290.95	0.00	6,290.95	6,225.42
BU Pension Shortfall Contr	2,192.36	0.00	2,192.36	3,695.40
Total	37,919.46	313.49	38,232.95	39,278.16
EXPENSES				
Car	379.73	0.00	379.73	117.30
Telephone	66.00	0.00	66.00	66.00
Conferences	647.98	0.00	647.98	520.00
Sundries	216.18	0.00	216.18	211.21
Total	1,309.89	0.00	1,309.89	914.51
MANSE EXPENSES				
Repairs	365.39	0.00	365.39	2,630.80
Gas Service Contract	354.84	0.00	354.84	355.68
Insurance	346.61	0.00	346.61	325.67
Water Charge	677.40	0.00	677.40	574.57
Council Tax	2,030.67	0.00	2,030.67	2,045.01
Sundries	19.99	0.00	19.99	114.32
Total	3,794.90	0.00	3,794.90	6,046.05
YOUTH WORKER				
Remuneration	5,823.96	0.00	5,823.96	5,823.96
Pension WBC Contr	582.36	0.00	582.36	582.36
Expenses - Car	434.25	0.00	434.25	541.35
Total	6,840.57	0.00	6,840.57	6,947.67
CLEANER (part time)				
Remuneration	3,600.16	0.00	3,600.16	3,424.24
Total	3,600.16	0.00	3,600.16	3,424.24
ADMINISTRATOR (part time)				
Remuneration	4,247.60	0.00	4,247.60	4,086.96
Total	4,247.60	0.00	4,247.60	4,086.96
MINISTRY TOTAL	57,712.58	313.49	58,026.07	60,697.59

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Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
£	£	Total	Total
£	£	£	£

MISSION

General Mission	120.42	0.00	120.42	430.96
Kidzone	252.00	0.00	252.00	256.50
Little Fishes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ben Rayfield Inc Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Work 14 yrs up	639.46	0.00	639.46	395.10
Pulse	139.28	0.00	139.28	101.20
Holiday Club	712.69	0.00	712.69	0.00
Youth trip Viney Hill	243.00	0.00	243.00	2,977.22
Spree (Youth Trip)	1,680.87	0.00	1,680.87	0.00
WDAC	2,044.63	260.00	2,304.63	2,131.12
Community Support Fund	50.00	0.00	50.00	202.50
Charitable Grants	13,891.60	6,681.95	20,573.55	12,391.60
MISSION TOTAL	19,773.95	6,941.95	26,715.90	18,886.20

ESTABLISHMENT**RUNNING COSTS**

Subs. BU, EA, CTIW & CCL	2,020.93	0.00	2,020.93	1,705.18
Publications	532.92	0.00	532.92	84.89
Heat and Light	4,580.19	0.00	4,580.19	4,636.15
Insurance	2,107.29	0.00	2,107.29	1,964.10
General repairs and maintenance	2,247.64	554.66	2,802.30	1,382.25
Media System	1,105.35	0.00	1,105.35	380.73
RUNNING COSTS TOTAL	12,594.32	554.66	13,148.98	10,153.30

SUNDRIES

Supply Preachers	524.68	0.00	524.68	0.00
Miscellaneous	504.99	0.00	504.99	480.00
Conferences and Training	443.50	0.00	443.50	1,504.00
Catering and Cleaning Materials	1,067.95	0.00	1,067.95	670.11
Hall Use Refund		25.00	25.00	100.00
Bank Charges	168.96	0.00	168.96	94.40
SUNDRIES TOTAL	2,710.08	25.00	2,735.08	2,848.51

ADMINISTRATION

Stationery, Postage, Copyright	182.08	0.00	182.08	198.66
Church Telephone	490.14	0.00	490.14	470.87
Photocopier	886.42	0.00	886.42	556.94
ADMINISTRATION TOTAL	1,558.64	0.00	1,558.64	1,226.47

BUILDING REFURBISHMENT

Payments to contractor	1,715.81	13,083.75	14,799.56	81,237.33
BUILDING REFURBISHMENT TOTAL	1,715.81	13,083.75	14,799.56	81,237.33

ESTABLISHMENT TOTAL	18,578.85	13,663.41	32,242.26	95,465.61
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OUTGOING RESOURCES TOTAL	96,065.38	20,918.85	116,984.23	175,049.40
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

6. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Charitable	Grant	Total	Total
		Activities	Funding	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Ministry		58,026.07	0.00	58,026.07	60,697.59
Mission		6,142.35	20,573.55	26,715.90	18,886.20
Establishment		32,242.26		32,242.26	95,465.61
Total		96,410.68	20,573.55	116,984.23	175,049.40

Note: Grant Funding includes grants from both Unrestricted and Restricted funds. Note 7 gives details of grants

7. GRANTS PAID

Grants, gifts and payments were made to the following organisations and individuals in the furtherance of the Church's objectives

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
				Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
BMS World Mission		4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00	4,350.00
BUGB Home Mission		5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	4,450.00
Dagoretti Corner Street Ch		600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Burmese Child		354.00	0.00	354.00	354.00
Ugandan Child		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Honduran Child		237.60	0.00	237.60	237.60
BMS New Churches		200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Paul and Sarah Brown (BMS World Mission)		500.00	0.00	500.00	300.00
Lynch (BMS World Mission)		500.00	0.00	500.00	300.00
Open Doors		500.00	0.00	500.00	700.00
London School Theology		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Wine (2020)		500.00	0.00	500.00	300.00
Other Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tearfund		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One25		500.00	0.00	500.00	600.00
Pastoral Fund		0.00	1,302.00	1,302.00	0.00
Total		13,891.60	1,302.00	15,193.60	12,391.60

8. STAFF COSTS

				2022	2021
				£	£
Stipends and Remuneration				43,421.36	42,692.50
NI Costs				0.00	0.00
Pension Costs				6,873.31	6,807.78
Other Costs				1,744.14	1,455.86
Total				52,038.81	50,956.14

The average number of employees during the year was 1 full time and 3 part time equivalent in total to less than 2 full time staff.

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year

No sums were reimbursed to the Trustees for their work as Trustees

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
Church Premises			1,857,125.00	1,857,125.00	1,857,125.00
Manse			265,000.00	265,000.00	265,000.00
Total		0.00	2,122,125.00	2,122,125.00	2,122,125.00

Notes

There were no investment purchases or sales in 2022.

Manse is valued at purchase price.

Church Premises are valued at insurance value. This value was increased in 2017 to include the link.

10. BANK AND CASH BALANCES

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021
Current account at Lloyds Bank		9,451.51	9,211.51	18,663.02	20,089.03
Deposit account at Lloyds Bank		0.00	1,155.94	1,155.94	287.35
Baptist Loan Fund		23,819.67	0	23,819.67	23,819.67
Cash in hand		473.33	0.00	473.33	267.11
Cheques not presented		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		33,744.51	10,367.45	44,111.96	44,463.16

11. CURRENT LIABILITIES

Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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12. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at	Movement in Resources		Transfer from Gen Fund	Balance at
	1st Jan				31st Dec
	2022	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Projects Fund (BPF)					
Building Fund/BPF		2,090.00	13,083.75	900.00	
Building Fund /BPF (Tax Refund)		1,160.00	0.00		
Hall use		4,474.00	25.00		
One Off Gifts / Grants		0.00	0.00		
Total Building Projects Fund	12,752.91	7,724.00	13,108.75	900.00	8,268.16
Pastoral Fund					
Pastoral Fund		500.00	1,302.00		
Pastoral Fund (Tax Refund)		0.00	0.00		
Total Pastoral Fund	2,699.15	500.00	1,302.00	0.00	1,897.15
Other Restricted funds					
Ukraine	0.00	5,101.50	5,249.95		-148.45
BMS (Birthday Scheme)	35.00	0.00	0.00		35.00
Tearfund Appeal	37.53	170.06	0.00		207.59
Christine Hale for Ark	130.00	0.00	130.00		0.00
Open Doors	10.00		0.00		10.00
Wotton Debt Advice Centre	0.00	260.00	260.00		0.00
Wotton Debt Advice Centre (Tax Refund)	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Miss G C Excell Charity for Minister	0.00	313.49	313.49		0.00
William Perrin Charities for Maintenance	0.00	554.66	554.66		0.00
Ben Rayfield inc Grant	98.00	0.00	0.00		98.00
Special Needs see note (ix)	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00	0.00
Youth Worker (inc Tax Refund)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Restricted Funds	1,310.53	6,399.71	6,508.10	-1,000.00	202.14
Total Restricted Funds	16,762.59	14,623.71	20,918.85	-100.00	10,367.45

6,295.14

-6395.14

(i) The Building Projects Fund (formerly Building Fund) is allocated receipts from the use of the Church Premises. The Name and purpose of this Fund was redefined at the June 2022 members meeting to clarify it as restricted to funding major projects on the premises.

(ii) The Pastoral Fund is used to support those in financial need in the fellowship or known to the church. It is administered confidentially by the Trustees.

(iii) Other Restricted funds are funds to which voluntary contributions for a given specific purpose are made on occasions.

(iv) Special collection was made in 2020 for One25. The GASDS for this appears in the 2021 accounts.

(v) Wotton Debt Advice Centre receives some restricted gifts from individuals

(vi) Gloucestershire County Council made grants to the church to fund care for a child with special needs while he attends Kidzone (Sunday School).

(vii) Miss GC Excell Charity is a fund invested with CCLA Investment Management Ltd to contribute to the cost of a minister of this church.

(viii) William Perrin Charities are funds invested with CCLA Investment Management Ltd to contribute to the maintenance costs of the premises.

(ix) The unused balance was transferred to the General Fund as requested by the original donor.

14. PENSIONS

In his previous Church the Minister contributed to a private pension. This arrangement has continued since he moved to Wotton Baptist Church. The pension premiums are split 1/3 from the Minister and 2/3 from the Church. The Church contributes to a pension for the Youth Worker. The Church does not contribute to a pension for the cleaner or administrator.

As historic employers of members of the now closed BPS (Baptist Pension Scheme) Defined Benefit scheme which was in deficit the church paid towards this shortfall as required by the scheme administrators. The shortfall has been effectively eliminated by the Trustees through a Buy in by Just. The shortfall reduction payment has as a result been reduced to £1 per month wef Aug 2022.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
TO THE MANAGING TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022
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Respective responsibilities of
trustees and examiners

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

Examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's
statement

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

(1) which gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Date


Linda Hughes
13.03.23