

ASHURST DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH ILFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1141907

Details

Other names	ASHURST DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2011-05-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Maintaining and developing the worship life of the church.providing pastoral care for the members,worshippers and communitydeveloping the building for the use of the communitydeveloping the ministry to the area

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Redbridge

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£252,249	£236,806	-	-
2023-12-31	£225,915	£191,865	-	-
2022-12-31	£220,085	£166,855	-	-
2021-12-31	£175,119	£155,750	-	-
2020-12-31	£188,317	£153,703	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cheruba Petunia Paul		2022-11-27
Doni Daniel		2015-11-22
FAY CHAMBERS		2013-01-16
Gill Carol Davies		2018-11-25
Rev Amutha Devaraj		2015-11-22
Senthur Pandi Balaji		2017-06-01
Sudhakar Rajamanickam		2016-12-01
Vernon St Louis		2021-11-01

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**Report and Accounts year ended
31 December 2024**

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Governing Document

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Achievement and Performance

The year 2024 began with a weekly morning devotion on Zoom titled "**Praying Through the Psalms.**" This devotional time, which starts at 7:00 AM every Monday, involves reflecting on each Psalm and beginning the day and week with prayer. This initiative, which began in 2023, has continued into 2024 and regularly sees around 15 participants joining in.

On **January 7, 2024**, we celebrated **Rededication and Vision Sunday**, reaffirming our commitment to the life of the Church and our covenantal relationship with God and one another. The theme for the year, "**Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus,**" was introduced based on *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*. This theme inspires the congregation to prepare spiritually and be transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ as we await His glorious second coming.

Church services have continued in a hybrid format, both in-person and online via YouTube. This has been a blessing for those who are housebound, in care homes, in hospitals, or even joining from abroad.

Special Events and Celebrations

- **International Women's Day** was celebrated on March 9, 2024. Ms. Jeniya Gwendu from Cranbrook Baptist Church spoke to around 100 women from the congregation and the wider community. The event also included health tips shared by a GP from our church. Attendees enjoyed dancing, games, singing, and sharing meals together.
- On March 24, *Jews for Jesus* led a special service on “**Christ in the Passover.**”
- **Sunday School Anniversary** was held on June 2, highlighting the importance of children as the future of the Church.
- Throughout the year, the congregation regularly donated non-perishable food items to the **Redbridge Food Bank**, with collections made on the first Monday of each month.
- A new initiative, “**Around the Table,**” was launched this year — a weekly gathering where participants discuss contemporary issues through a biblical lens.
- From July 29 to August 2, we hosted a **Holiday Club** for children aged 5 to 11. Themed “**Deepsea Divers,**” it included Bible stories, games, singing, and dancing.
- A church and community BBQ took place on August 3, followed by the **Harvest Festival** on October 6, where a generous collection of non-perishable food was once again donated to the Redbridge Food Bank.
- On August 11, a member of our church youth was baptised, a powerful and joyous testimony to the congregation and wider community.
- The **Church Family Retreat** was held from September 6–8 at High Leigh, led by Robin and Cecilia Plummer. It was a spiritually enriching weekend attended by 52 adults and 15 children.
- An **Alpha Course** ran from September 24 to November 26, open to both the congregation and the community, with dinner served at each session.
- On October 27, we celebrated our **95th Church Anniversary**. Our guest speaker was **Revd Prof Philip McCormack**, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Spurgeon's College. The day concluded with a fellowship meal shared by the whole congregation.

Ongoing Ministries and Programs

- Zoom Bible Study focused on the **Book of Revelation**, held on alternate Thursdays from 8:00–9:00 PM.
 - Youth Bible Study continued the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 7:00 PM, attended by 12–15 young people who enjoy Bible study, games, and food.
 - Weekly activities continued, including:
 - Church-run Preschool (Monday to Friday)
 - Toddler Group (Thursday afternoons)
 - 60+ Lunch Fellowship (Last Saturday of each month)
 - On October 26, 2024, we hosted a **Light Party** for local children, celebrating Jesus as the light in a dark world.
 - **Christmas Celebrations** included a Carol Service, Sunday School Christmas Service, and New Year's Eve Service — all well-attended by the community.
 - We completed the **refurbishment of the church kitchen**, which will be a valuable resource for future ministries and events.
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Holy Week and Easter

- **Palm Sunday** (March 24) was marked with a joyful **street procession**, singing, and tract distribution.
- On **Maundy Thursday** (March 28), we held an evening service followed by a shared meal.
- **Good Friday** and **Easter Sunday** were celebrated with reverence and joy, marking the resurrection of our Lord.

Prayer, Fellowship, and Leadership

- **Monthly Prayer Meetings** continued the 3rd Friday of each month, and **Prayer Walks** on the 4th Saturday.
- **House Groups** met regularly via Zoom, allowing more members to participate from their homes.
- **“New Horizon” Meetings**, introduced in 2023, continued the 2nd Monday of each month, discussing relevant biblical topics.
- The minister remained actively involved in the wider Baptist community, serving on the London Baptist Board of Directors and the Continuing Ministerial Development Team.
- The minister also published in *Baptist Together* and *Mission Catalyst* journals and contributed a study to the Baptist Union under Project Violet.

We thank God for His faithfulness in 2024. Through worship, teaching, outreach, fellowship, and service, our church continues to grow in love, unity, and purpose as we await the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus*

Financial Review

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church finance situation is stable; we have finished on a positive balance with a strong reserve. During the year, receipts were £252,249 and payments for the year amounted to £236,806 which gave a positive balance of £15,443 which includes the gift aid claims for the period April 2023 to March 2024.

The total amount in the bank including bank deposit and LBPB deposit is £224,741.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that the Church’s reserves are adequate to meet its running costs and to allow for the future development of the building and of the mission of the Church.

Risk Statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Trustees’ Responsibilities

Charity law requires that us as trustees prepare financial statements for each accounting year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure.

We are required to:

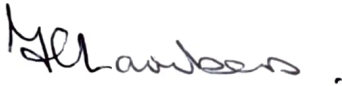
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 1st October 2025
and signed on their behalf by:



Fay Chambers – Secretary



Senthur Balaji – Treasurer

Receipts & Payments Account

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Offerings	1	94593		10390	104983
Thank Offering	2	6745			6745
Gift Aid Tax refunds	3	22442			22442
Sundry Donations	4	17843		489	18332
Donations to outside causes	5			475	475
Mission Offering	6			5060	5060
Pre-School	7		70206		70206
Other Incoming Resources	8	6073	233	17700	24006
Total Receipts		147696	70439	34114	252249
Payments					
Ministry Costs	9	44102			44102
Preschool expenses & refunds	10		67139		67139
Mission support	11			3600	3600
Cleaning & Utilities	12	19013			19013
Property & Maintenance	13	62932			62932
Administration & Stationery	14	10729			10729
Subscriptions	15	2883			2883
Special Events	16	12071			12071
Media	17	3879			3879
Charity/Donations to outside causes	18			10207	10207
Groups various expenditure	19		252		252
Total Payments		155609	67391	13807	236807
<i>net of receipts/(payments)</i>		-7913	3048	20307	15442
Transfers between funds	20	-9323	-14009	28604	5272
Net Movement in Funds		-17236	-10961	48911	20714
Fund Balances b/fwd 1/1/2024		89253	66986	47788	204027
Cash funds this year end		72017	56025	96699	224741

Notes to Financial Statements year ended 31st December 2024

Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Accounting Period

These accounts relate to the period from January 2024 - December 2024 to fall in line with Church Constitution which states that the accounting period should run from January - December

Analysis of Fund Movements for The Year

- i. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes. The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account.

FUND NAME	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
General A/c	89253	147696	155608	-9324	72017
	89253	147696	155608	-9324	72017

- ii. DESIGNATED FUNDS are part of unrestricted funds and represent sums set aside out of ordinary funds for specific designated purposes. They are not legally distinct funds and can be transferred back into the general account at any time.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Group Cash A/c's	67	233	252		48
Group Trust A/c's	31				31
Preschool	47689	70206	67139	5190	55946
	47787	70439	67391	5190	56025

- iii. RESTRICTED FUNDS represent income received or invited for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. They cannot be added to unrestricted funds without the consent of the donor.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Fellowship Fund	1977	163			2140
Partners Building for Ministry	55714	28090			83804
Mission Fund	9295	5060	3600		10755
BMS World Mission		163	1200	1037	
HM		163	1200	1037	
Christian Aid		0	1000	1000	
Donations outside causes		475	6807	6332	
	66986	34114	13807	9406	96699

Notes to Financial Statements as at 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 1 Offerings				
Loose Collections	29015			29015
Envelopes inc s/o	65578			65578
Partners Building for Ministry			10390	10390
	94593		10390	104983

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 2 Thank offering				
Congregation	6745			6745
	6745			6745

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 3 Gift Aid Tax Refunds				
General a/c	22442			22442
	22442			22442

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 4 Sundry Donations				
Special events	12061			12061
Fellowship Fund			163	163
Communion (BMS+HM)			326	326
Donations - Others	5782			5782
	17843		489	18332

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 5 Donations to outside causes				
BMS Birthday			475	475
			475	475

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 6 Mission Offerings				
Mission fund			5060	5060
			5060	5060

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 7 Preschool				
Preschool		70206		70206

70206	70206
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	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 8 Other Incoming Resources				
Deposit interest	6073			6073
Group cash		233		233
Manse rental income			17700	17700
	6073	233	17700	24006

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 9 Ministry Costs				
Stipend(net), Tax/NI, expenses	34616			34616
Baptist Pension	8411			8411
Other	1075			1075
	44102			44102

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 10 Pre-School - Wages/Ni/Tax				
Utilities		9000		9000
Wages/Ni/Tax & Refunds		58139		58139
		67139		67139

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 11 Mission Support				
Mission Support			3600	3600
			3600	3600

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 12 Cleaning & Utilities				
Lighting/Heating/Water	8973			8973
Cleaning Contract	8845			8845
Sundry Expenses	437			437
Phone & Broadband	758			758
	19013			19013

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 13 Property & Maintenance				
Church upkeep	9953			9953
Insurance	4209			4209
Flat roof replacement	9444			9444
Electric work	5802			5802
Manse expenses	12874			12874
Kitchen refurb	20650			20650
	62932			62932

	Undesignated £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 14 Administration				
Printing/Stationery etc	895			895
Admin Staff Pay	8756			8756
Sundry Expenses	1078			1078
	10729			10729

	Undesignated £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 15 Subscriptions				
Payroo	144			144
Baptist Union	385			385
CCLI renewal	1403			1403
LBA	436			436
Zoom	158			158
Sundry Expenses	357			357
	2883			2883

	Undesignated £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 16 Special Events				
Church events catering	1591			1591
BBQ	151			151
Special event flowers	272			272
Retreat	9667			9667
Other expenses	390			390
	12071			12071

	Undesignated £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 17 Media				
Media equipment's	2497			
Music items & cables	1382			1382
	3879			1382

	Undesignated £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 18 Charity				
BMS & BMS Birthday			1675	1675
HM			1200	1200
Christian Aid			1000	1000
Donation to other causes			6332	6332
			10207	10207

	Undesignated £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 19 Groups Expenditure				
Groups Cash a/c's		252		252
Groups Trust a/c's				
		252		252

	Undesignated £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Note 20 Inter-fund transfers				
Preschool to General a/c		-14009		-14009
Group a/c to General a/c				0
General a/c to other causes	-9323		21258	11935
General a/c to BMS/HMF			2074	2074
General to Group a/c				
	-9323	-14009	23332	0

Assets for Church Purposes

The church is the beneficial owner of the church and properties, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee, The London Baptist Property Board Limited. These are listed on the statement of Assets and Liabilities as non-monetary Assets.

Assets

	£
Bank Account	7819
Pre School Bank account	17980
Pre School Bank account - deposit monies	2320
LPBP deposit account	119639
Bank deposits	76935
Cash in Hand, held by Groups	48
	224741

Represented by balances on following accounts

Undesignated accounts

General account	20727
General Deposit account	51290

Total		72017
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Designated accounts

Group Cash Accounts	48
Group Trust Accounts	31
Pre-School General account	17981
Pre-School Deposit account	25645
Pre-School Contingency (Deposit account)	10000
Pre-School Deposits	2320

Total		56025
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Restricted accounts

Fellowship Fund	2140
Mission Fund	10755
Partners building for Ministry Fund	83804

Total		96699
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Non-monetary assets - assets retained for Church use shown at insured value

Church Buildings	2,445,811
Church Manse - 83a Headley Drive	303,320
Church Manse - 83b Headley Drive	258,159
Fixtures, furniture & Equipment (inc Organ)	159,270



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
ASHURST DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH ILFORD

On accounts for the year
ended

01/01/2024 – 31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1141907

Set out on pages

1-14

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report 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:

Date:

12/10/2025

Name:

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

Address:

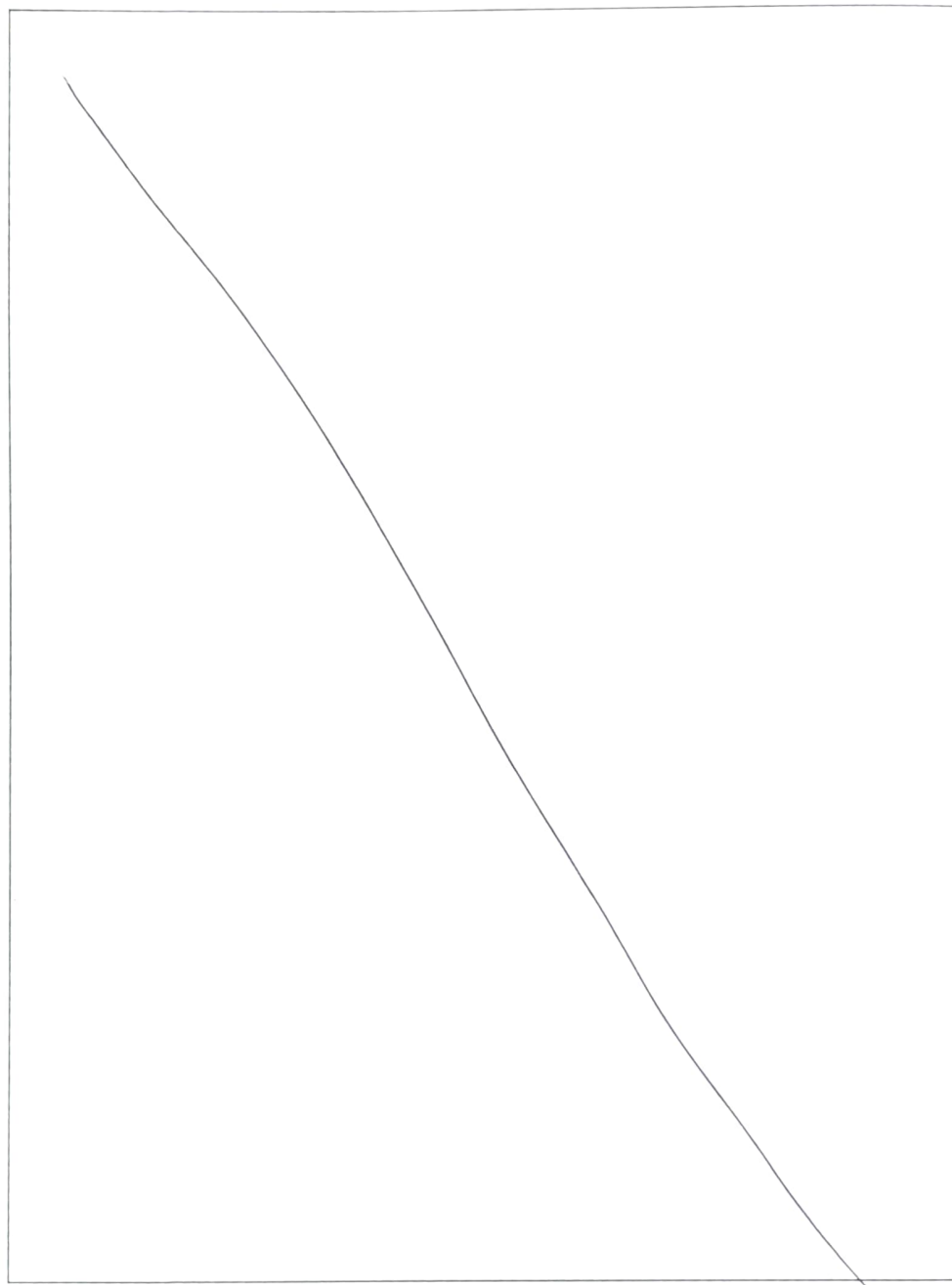
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



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Achievement and Performance

Amutha Devaraj completed her tenure as the Newly Accredited Minister (NAM) and was accredited as a Fully Accredited Minister at the Baptist Assembly held in Telford in June 2023. As agreed by the church members, she continues her service as the minister at Ashurst Drive Baptist Church.

The church began 2023 with a weekly morning devotion on Zoom titled "Praying Through the Psalms," which involved reflecting on each Psalm and starting the day and week with prayer. On January 8, 2023, we celebrated Re-dedication and Vision Sunday, reaffirming our commitment to the life of the Church and remembering our covenantal relationship with God and one another. The theme for the year, "Thy Kingdom Come," was introduced based on Psalm 145:11-13, which inspired the congregation to reflect on transforming their lives to

align with God's standards rather than conforming to the world. Church services continued in a hybrid format (both in-person and online via YouTube), benefiting those who are house-bound, in care homes, or hospitals.

The church organized a theatrical play, "If Prison Walls Could Speak," a true story of resilience from the persecuted church. The play aimed to reach out to the wider community, and it was well-received, bringing faith conviction to many. On February 26, we hosted "Teen Challenge UK," a registered charity that helps young people with life-controlling problems, especially drug and alcohol addictions. They led our church service and shared uplifting testimonies that resonated with both young and old.

We celebrated International Women's Day on March 11, 2023, with the theme "Embrace Equality." Rev. Afi Kirk from Blackheath and Charlton Baptist Church spoke to about 100 women from the local congregation and community. The event included "Disco-Dancing with Hannah," which was enjoyed by all. Attendees shared meals, sang songs, and played games together.

On April 2, 2023, we celebrated Palm Sunday with a procession through the streets, singing songs and distributing tracts to the community. This joyful event was appreciated by both the church congregation and the community. We marked Maundy Thursday on April 6 with a shared meal and a youth drama that encouraged both children and parents. Good Friday and Easter Sunday celebrations followed, including two baptisms of young members. The celebrations continued with a total of six baptisms throughout the year.

We held a street party on May 7 to celebrate King Charles III's coronation, inviting the community to join us for food, singing, and various activities. Local MP Wes Streeting and six local councillors attended, making it a memorable occasion.

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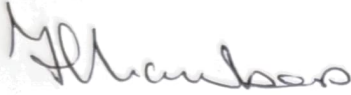
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Car park resurfacing	17611			17611
Alarm system	1680			1680
Legacy fund expenses				
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	43134			43134

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Note 14 Administration & Stationery				
Printing/Stationery etc	788			788
Admin Staff Pay	1501			1501
Sundry Expenses	394			394
	2683			2683

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Note 15 Subscriptions				
Payroo	144			144
Baptist Union	383			383
CCLI renewal	1336			1336
LBA	444			444
Zoom	155			155
Sundry Expenses	282			282
	2744			2744

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Note 16 Special Events				
Church events catering	990			990
Coronation street party	1077			1077
Prison Walls	1185			1185
Retreat	7470			7470
Other expenses	2915			2915
	13637			13637

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Note 17 Media				
Music items & cables	1209			1209
	1209	0		1209

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 18 Charity				
BMS & BMS Birthday	355		1200	1555
HM			1200	1200
Christian Aid			550	550
Donation to other causes			6599	6599
	355		9549	9904

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 19 Groups Expenditure				
Groups Cash a/c's		700		700
Groups Trust a/c's				0
		700		700

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Note 20 Inter-fund transfers				
Preschool to General a/c		-8000		-8000
Group a/c to General a/c		-2016		-2016
General a/c to other causes			6804	6804
General a/c to BMS/HMF			3212	3212
General to Group a/c				
		-10016	10016	0

Assets for Church Purposes

The church is the beneficial owner of the church and properties, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee, The London Baptist Property Board Limited. These are listed on the statement of Assets and Liabilities as non-monetary Assets.

Assets

	£
Bank Account	50832
Pre School Bank account	35308
Pre School Bank account - deposit monies	2380
LPBP deposit account	114856
Cash in Hand, held by Groups	650
	204026

Represented by balances on following accounts

Undesignated accounts

General account (£54856 in deposit account)	89253
Legacy Fund	0
Total	89253

Designated accounts

Group Cash Accounts	68
Group Trust Accounts	31
Pre-School General account	35308
Pre-School Contingency (Deposit account)	10000
Pre-School Deposits	2380
Total	47787

Restricted accounts

Fellowship Fund	1977
Mission Fund	9295
Partners building for Ministry Fund (£50000 in deposit account)	55714
Total	66986

Non-monetary assets - assets retained for Church use shown at insured value

Church Buildings	2,445,811
Church Manse - 83a Headley Drive	303,320
Church Manse - 83b Headley Drive	258,159
Fixtures, furniture & Equipment (inc Organ)	159,270

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church

Accepting, Developing, Belonging, in Christ

**Report and Accounts year ended
31 December 2023**

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Charity Information

Trustees	Mrs Fay Chambers Dr Doni Daniel Rev. Dr Amutha Devaraj Mr Sudhakar Rajamanickam Mr Senthur Balaji Mrs Gill Davies Mr Vernon St Louis Mrs Cheruba Petunia Paul
Governing Document	Constitution adopted May 2009
Charity Registration Number	1141907
Custodian Trustees	The church buildings are held under the custodian trusteeship of the London Baptist Property Board
Address for Correspondence	Ashurst Drive Baptist Church Gants Hill Ilford IG2 6QH
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Report of the Trustees for Year ending 31 December 2023

The Trustees have the pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31 December 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

The name of the church is Ashurst Drive Baptist Church. In 2009, the church adopted a new constitution and has become a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

Under the constitution, the executive body of the Church is the Ministry Team, including minister(s) and worship leader(s) if any, deacons, secretary, treasurer and elder(s), if any. These people are the Managing Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

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

The aims of the Church are:

- to maintain and develop the worship life of the Church
- to provide pastoral care for the members, worshippers, and community
- to develop the building for the use of the community
- to develop the ministry to the area

Public Benefit

When planning the Church's activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion and so

- The Church's worship services are open to all, and we operate an open communion table
- The church provides pastoral support and care for those in both the Church and wider community
- The Church makes use of its premises during the week in a wide range of social action projects, which benefit the community at large and are open to all faiths and/or none.

Achievement and Performance

Amutha Devaraj completed her tenure as the Newly Accredited Minister (NAM) and was accredited as a Fully Accredited Minister at the Baptist Assembly held in Telford in June 2023. As agreed by the church members, she continues her service as the minister at Ashurst Drive Baptist Church.

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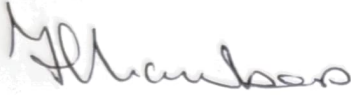
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Alarm system	1680			1680
Legacy fund expenses				
Car park resurfacing	11189			11189
	43134			43134

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 14 Administration & Stationery				
Printing/Stationery etc	788			788
Admin Staff Pay	1501			1501
Sundry Expenses	394			394
	2683			2683

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 15 Subscriptions				
Payroo	144			144
Baptist Union	383			383
CCLI renewal	1336			1336
LBA	444			444
Zoom	155			155
Sundry Expenses	282			282
	2744			2744

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 16 Special Events				
Church events catering	990			990
Coronation street party	1077			1077
Prison Walls	1185			1185
Retreat	7470			7470
Other expenses	2915			2915
	13637			13637

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 17 Media				
Music items & cables	1209			1209
	1209	0		1209

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Note 18 Charity				
BMS & BMS Birthday	355		1200	1555
HM			1200	1200
Christian Aid			550	550
Donation to other causes			6599	6599
	355		9549	9904

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 19 Groups Expenditure				
Groups Cash a/c's		700		700
Groups Trust a/c's				0
		700		700

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 20 Inter-fund transfers				
Preschool to General a/c		-8000		-8000
Group a/c to General a/c		-2016		-2016
General a/c to other causes			6804	6804
General a/c to BMS/HMF			3212	3212
General to Group a/c				
		-10016	10016	0

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Assets

	£
Bank Account	50832
Pre School Bank account	35308
Pre School Bank account - deposit monies	2380
LPBP deposit account	114856
Cash in Hand, held by Groups	650
	204026

Represented by balances on following accounts

Undesignated accounts

General account (£54856 in deposit account)	89253
Legacy Fund	0
Total	89253

Designated accounts

Group Cash Accounts	68
Group Trust Accounts	31
Pre-School General account	35308
Pre-School Contingency (Deposit account)	10000
Pre-School Deposits	2380
Total	47787

Restricted accounts

Fellowship Fund	1977
Mission Fund	9295
Partners building for Ministry Fund (£50000 in deposit account)	55714
Total	66986

Non-monetary assets - assets retained for Church use shown at insured value

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
ASHURST DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1141907

Set out on pages

1-14

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report 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:

Date: 25/10/2024

Name:

OLUFEMI OKENIYI

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

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

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One deacon from the diaconate team stepped down from his role. In Nov. 2022, one new deacon committed their service to the life of the church and was included. Two believers' baptisms happened in January 2022. Four members were included in the church family by right-handed fellowship.

Other regular activities like monthly prayer meetings (3rd Friday of every month) and prayer walks (4th Saturday of every month) were ongoing. The house groups continued Zoom meetings as more members could join online than in person. We continued a youth Bible study every 2nd and 4th Friday at 7 p.m. and about 12-15 young children were attending. After Bible study, they had fun, games, and food. The Church-run preschool (Mon-Fri), toddler's group on Thursday afternoons, and 60+ lunch on the last Saturday of every month were ongoing activities that engaged the community. We celebrated the harvest festival on the 25th of Sep. 2022. We launched a food bank and as a reflection, we brought non-perishable foods and other items for food bank collection, and we tied ourselves with the local Redbridge food bank. This was continued and the Redbridge foodbank comes every first Monday morning of the month to collect the items to support people in need. We celebrated our church anniversary in October 2022. We had a meal together in the church and about 100 people attended. We had the light party on the 29th of Oct. 2022, inviting the children from the community and had great fun and reflected together that Jesus is the light in this dark world. We started a film night on the 4th Saturday of every month, congregation families attended the same.

We had men's gathering in November and men outside the church attended and they had fun, games, and meals. All Christmas celebrations were enjoyed including Christmas carol service, Sunday school Christmas service, New Year's Eve service and Christmas service. We invited the community, and many attended these special services.

Amutha became a member of the London Baptist Gender Justice and Racial Justice group in 2022. Amutha has involved herself in the London Baptist Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD) team in May 2022, to equip the Baptist Ministers across London for their ministerial calling. Amutha has been nominated and elected as one of the London Baptist Board of Directors. She was inducted on the 5th of December 2022.

Burglaries happened twice in June - July 2022. There were some breakages, and we applied a proposal to receive funding from the government to meet the cost of repairs. Following the advice of the police, we installed a safe to secure valuable items. Regarding building work, there were pigeon droppings after COVID-19, and this was cleaned with the help of the local environmental analysts. We refurbished the preschool toilets, fixed the boilers in the manses, and repaired the fascia boards and soffits in the church and the manse.

Financial Review

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church's finance situation is much better this year, for the third year in a row we have finished on a positive balance. During the year, receipts were £220,085 and payments for the year amounted to £166,855 which gave a positive balance of £53,230 which includes the gift aid claims for the period April 2021 to March 2022.

We have closed the loan account, and the deposit account has got £88,379 including interest of £529 at the end of Dec 2022. We have £172,885 in total including the deposit.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that the Church's reserves are adequate to meet its running costs and to allow for the future development of the building and the Church's mission.

Risk Statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires that we as trustees prepare financial statements for each accounting year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure.

We are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 1st October 2023
and signed on their behalf by:



Fay Chambers – Secretary



Senthur Balaji – Treasurer

Receipts & Payments Account

As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Offerings	1	72546		17283	89829
Thank Offering	2	6722			6722
Gift Aid Tax refunds	3	16271			16271
Sundry Donations	4	1583			1583
Donations to outside causes	5			2884	2884
Groups	6		1535		1535
Generated Funds					
Pre-School	7		80259		80259
Other Incoming Resources	8	4802		16200	21002
Total Receipts		101924	81794	36367	220085
Payments					
Ministry Costs	9	37800			37800
Preschool expenses & refunds	10		56340		56340
Pension Deficit	11	2591			2591
Loan repayment	12			16126	16126
Cleaning & Utilities	13	16372			16372
Property & Maintenance	14	18071			18071
Administration & Stationery	15	433			433
Subscriptions	16	1773			1773
Special Events	17	2566			2566
Media	18	3077			3077
Charity/Donations to outside causes	19			10082	10082
Groups various expenditure	20		1624		1624
Total Payments		82683	57964	26208	166855
<i>net of receipts/(payments)</i>		19241	23830	10159	53230
Transfers between funds	21	10447	-18000	6748	
Net Movement in Funds		29688	5830	16907	52425
Fund Balances b/fwd 1/1/2022		57981	43469	19009	120459
Cash funds this year end		87669	49299	35916	172884

Notes to Financial Statements year ended 31st December 2022

Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Accounting Period

These accounts relate to the period from January 2022 - December 2022 to fall in line with Church Constitution which states that the accounting period should run from January - December

Analysis of Fund Movements for The Year

- i. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes. The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account.

FUND NAME	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
General A/c	45312	96924	76201	10447	76482
Legacy Fund	12669	5000	6480		11189
	57981	101924	82681	10447	873671

- ii. DESIGNATED FUNDS are part of unrestricted funds and represent sums set aside out of ordinary funds for specific designated purposes. They are not legally distinct funds and can be transferred back into the general account at any time.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Group Cash A/c's	857	1535	1624		768
Group Trust A/c's	2047				2047
Preschool	40565	80259	56340	-18000	46484
	43469	81794	57964	-18000	49299

- iii. RESTRICTED FUNDS represent income received or invited for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. They cannot be added to unrestricted funds without the consent of the donor.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Fellowship Fund	1735	84			1819
Partners Building for Ministry	17274	27949	16126		29097
BMS World Mission		5190	2450	2260	5000
HM			1200	1200	
Christian Aid		260	1160	900	
Donations outside causes		2884	5272	2388	
	19009	36367	26208	6748	35916

Notes to Financial Statements as at 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 1 Offerings				
Loose Collections	34987			34987
Envelopes inc s/o	37559			37559
Fellowship Fund			84	84
Partners Building for Ministry			17199	17199
	72546		17283	89829
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 2 Thank offering				
Congregation	6722			6722
	6722			6722
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 3 Gift Aid Tax Refunds				
General a/c	16271			16271
	16271			16271
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 4 Sundry Donations				
Donations -Others	1583			1583
	1583			1583
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 5 Donations to outside causes				
BMS Birthday			190	190
Ukraine Appeal			2250	2250
Others			444	444
			2884	2884
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 6 Groups				
Group Trust a/cs		1535		1535
Groups cash a/cs		1535		1535
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 7 Pre-School Fees/deposits				
		80259		80259
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 8 Other Incoming Resources				
Deposit interest	529			529
Other	4273			4273
Manse rental income			16200	16200
	4802		16200	21002

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 9 Ministry Costs				
Stipend(net), Tax/Nl, expenses	30048			30048
Baptist Pension	7252			7252
Guest speakers	500			500
	37800			37800

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 10 Pre-School - Wages/Nl/Tax				
Wages/Nl/Tax & Refunds		56340		56340
		56340		56340

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 11 Pension Deficit				
Pension Deficit	2591			2591
	2591			2591

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 12 Loan Repayment				
LBPB Loan Repayments			16126	16126
			16126	16126

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 13 Cleaning & Utilities				
Lighting/Heating/Water	6763			6763
Cleaning Contract	8154			8154
Sundry Expenses	777			777
Phone & Broadband	678			678
	16372			16372

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 14 Premises				
83a manse repairs	564			464
83b manse repairs	520			520
Church upkeep	6995			6995
Insurance	3512			3512
Legacy fund expenses				
Cross & name display	6480			6480
	18071			18071

Note 15 Administration

Printing/Stationery etc
Sundry Expenses

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
267			267
166			166
433			433

Note 16 Subscriptions

Payroo
Baptist Union
CCLI & OFCOM PMSE
LBA
Zoom

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
144			144
319			319
875			875
406			406
29			29
1773			1773

Note 17 Special Events

Church anniversary
Platinum jubilee
Other expenses

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
245			245
194			194
2127			2124
2566			2566

Note 18 Media

Purchase of stolen items
Music items & cables

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
1710			1710
1367			1367
3077			3077

Note 19 Charity

BMS & BMS Birthday
HM
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Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
		2640	2640
		1200	1200
		1160	1160
		5082	5082
		10082	10082

Note 20 Groups Expenditure

Groups Cash a/c's
Groups Trust a/c's

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
	1624		1624
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The church started an alternate week Bible study called 'Walk through the Bible'. There was a regular attendance of about 15-20 people and there was a good reflection of both the Old and New Testaments. The church contributed a good amount and donated goods to the Ukraine fund relief. Sunday school children participated in making cakes and raised funds through this. This encouraged the congregation to consider people suffering in the war. The church celebrated International Women's Day on March 12th, 2022, under the theme 'Break the Bias'. Rev. Karen Case-Green gave a talk to about 100 women from the local congregation and community. We had 'Bollywood dance with professionals', which was largely enjoyed by the attendees. The community people had a good time with the church congregation. We celebrated Palm Sunday on the 10th of April 2022, with a walking procession around the streets, singing songs and distributing tracts to the community. It was joyful for the church congregation and community who also enjoyed watching our march. We had time to celebrate Maundy Thursday by sharing a meal together. We performed a drama called 'The Door – An Allegory' which all church members attended. We had Good Friday and Easter Sunday celebrations. We celebrated the 'Platinum Jubilee Street Party' on the 5th of June 2022 between 2 and 6 pm. We invited the community to join the party. It was a great occasion to meet with the community by having food, singing songs, and doing various other activities. The local MP Wes Streeting and 6 of the local councillors from different neighbourhood wards also attended the street party.

One deacon from the diaconate team stepped down from his role. In Nov. 2022, one new deacon committed their service to the life of the church and was included. Two believers' baptisms happened in January 2022. Four members were included in the church family by right-handed fellowship.

Other regular activities like monthly prayer meetings (3rd Friday of every month) and prayer walks (4th Saturday of every month) were ongoing. The house groups continued Zoom meetings as more members could join online than in person. We continued a youth Bible study every 2nd and 4th Friday at 7 p.m. and about 12-15 young children were attending. After Bible study, they had fun, games, and food. The Church-run preschool (Mon-Fri), toddler's group on Thursday afternoons, and 60+ lunch on the last Saturday of every month were ongoing activities that engaged the community. We celebrated the harvest festival on the 25th of Sep. 2022. We launched a food bank and as a reflection, we brought non-perishable foods and other items for food bank collection, and we tied ourselves with the local Redbridge food bank. This was continued and the Redbridge foodbank comes every first Monday morning of the month to collect the items to support people in need. We celebrated our church anniversary in October 2022. We had a meal together in the church and about 100 people attended. We had the light party on the 29th of Oct. 2022, inviting the children from the community and had great fun and reflected together that Jesus is the light in this dark world. We started a film night on the 4th Saturday of every month, congregation families attended the same.

We had men's gathering in November and men outside the church attended and they had fun, games, and meals. All Christmas celebrations were enjoyed including Christmas carol service, Sunday school Christmas service, New Year's Eve service and Christmas service. We invited the community, and many attended these special services.

Amutha became a member of the London Baptist Gender Justice and Racial Justice group in 2022. Amutha has involved herself in the London Baptist Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD) team in May 2022, to equip the Baptist Ministers across London for their ministerial calling. Amutha has been nominated and elected as one of the London Baptist Board of Directors. She was inducted on the 5th of December 2022.

Burglaries happened twice in June - July 2022. There were some breakages, and we applied a proposal to receive funding from the government to meet the cost of repairs. Following the advice of the police, we installed a safe to secure valuable items. Regarding building work, there were pigeon droppings after COVID-19, and this was cleaned with the help of the local environmental analysts. We refurbished the preschool toilets, fixed the boilers in the manses, and repaired the fascia boards and soffits in the church and the manse.

Financial Review

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church's finance situation is much better this year, for the third year in a row we have finished on a positive balance. During the year, receipts were £220,085 and payments for the year amounted to £166,855 which gave a positive balance of £53,230 which includes the gift aid claims for the period April 2021 to March 2022.

We have closed the loan account, and the deposit account has got £88,379 including interest of £529 at the end of Dec 2022. We have £172,885 in total including the deposit.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that the Church's reserves are adequate to meet its running costs and to allow for the future development of the building and the Church's mission.

Risk Statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

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The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 1st October 2023
and signed on their behalf by:



Fay Chambers – Secretary



Senthur Balaji – Treasurer

Receipts & Payments Account

As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Offerings	1	72546		17283	89829
Thank Offering	2	6722			6722
Gift Aid Tax refunds	3	16271			16271
Sundry Donations	4	1583			1583
Donations to outside causes	5			2884	2884
Groups	6		1535		1535
Generated Funds					
Pre-School	7		80259		80259
Other Incoming Resources	8	4802		16200	21002
Total Receipts		101924	81794	36367	220085
Payments					
Ministry Costs	9	37800			37800
Preschool expenses & refunds	10		56340		56340
Pension Deficit	11	2591			2591
Loan repayment	12			16126	16126
Cleaning & Utilities	13	16372			16372
Property & Maintenance	14	18071			18071
Administration & Stationery	15	433			433
Subscriptions	16	1773			1773
Special Events	17	2566			2566
Media	18	3077			3077
Charity/Donations to outside causes	19			10082	10082
Groups various expenditure	20		1624		1624
Total Payments		82683	57964	26208	166855
<i>net of receipts/(payments)</i>		19241	23830	10159	53230
Transfers between funds	21	10447	-18000	6748	
Net Movement in Funds		29688	5830	16907	52425
Fund Balances b/fwd 1/1/2022		57981	43469	19009	120459
Cash funds this year end		87669	49299	35916	172884

Notes to Financial Statements year ended 31st December 2022

Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Accounting Period

These accounts relate to the period from January 2022 - December 2022 to fall in line with Church Constitution which states that the accounting period should run from January - December

Analysis of Fund Movements for The Year

- i. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes. The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account.

FUND NAME	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
General A/c	45312	96924	76201	10447	76482
Legacy Fund	12669	5000	6480		11189
	57981	101924	82681	10447	873671

- ii. DESIGNATED FUNDS are part of unrestricted funds and represent sums set aside out of ordinary funds for specific designated purposes. They are not legally distinct funds and can be transferred back into the general account at any time.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Group Cash A/c's	857	1535	1624		768
Group Trust A/c's	2047				2047
Preschool	40565	80259	56340	-18000	46484
	43469	81794	57964	-18000	49299

- iii. RESTRICTED FUNDS represent income received or invited for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. They cannot be added to unrestricted funds without the consent of the donor.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Fellowship Fund	1735	84			1819
Partners Building for Ministry	17274	27949	16126		29097
BMS World Mission		5190	2450	2260	5000
HM			1200	1200	
Christian Aid		260	1160	900	
Donations outside causes		2884	5272	2388	
	19009	36367	26208	6748	35916

Notes to Financial Statements as at 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 1 Offerings				
Loose Collections	34987			34987
Envelopes inc s/o	37559			37559
Fellowship Fund			84	84
Partners Building for Ministry			17199	17199
	72546		17283	89829
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 2 Thank offering				
Congregation	6722			6722
	6722			6722
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 3 Gift Aid Tax Refunds				
General a/c	16271			16271
	16271			16271
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 4 Sundry Donations				
Donations -Others	1583			1583
	1583			1583
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 5 Donations to outside causes				
BMS Birthday			190	190
Ukraine Appeal			2250	2250
Others			444	444
			2884	2884
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 6 Groups				
Group Trust a/cs		1535		1535
Groups cash a/cs		1535		1535
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 7 Pre-School Fees/deposits				
		80259		80259
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 8 Other Incoming Resources				
Deposit interest	529			529
Other	4273			4273
Manse rental income			16200	16200
	4802		16200	21002

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 9 Ministry Costs				
Stipend(net), Tax/Nl, expenses	30048			30048
Baptist Pension	7252			7252
Guest speakers	500			500
	37800			37800

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 10 Pre-School - Wages/Nl/Tax				
Wages/Nl/Tax & Refunds		56340		56340
		56340		56340

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 11 Pension Deficit				
Pension Deficit	2591			2591
	2591			2591

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 12 Loan Repayment				
LBPB Loan Repayments			16126	16126
			16126	16126

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 13 Cleaning & Utilities				
Lighting/Heating/Water	6763			6763
Cleaning Contract	8154			8154
Sundry Expenses	777			777
Phone & Broadband	678			678
	16372			16372

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 14 Premises				
83a manse repairs	564			464
83b manse repairs	520			520
Church upkeep	6995			6995
Insurance	3512			3512
Legacy fund expenses				
Cross & name display	6480			6480
	18071			18071

Note 15 Administration

Printing/Stationery etc
Sundry Expenses

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
267			267
166			166
433			433

Note 16 Subscriptions

Payroo
Baptist Union
CCLI & OFCOM PMSE
LBA
Zoom

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
144			144
319			319
875			875
406			406
29			29
1773			1773

Note 17 Special Events

Church anniversary
Platinum jubilee
Other expenses

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
245			245
194			194
2127			2124
2566			2566

Note 18 Media

Purchase of stolen items
Music items & cables

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
1710			1710
1367			1367
3077			3077

Note 19 Charity

BMS & BMS Birthday
HM
Christian Aid
Fellowship Fund
Donation to other causes

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
		2640	2640
		1200	1200
		1160	1160
		5082	5082
		10082	10082

Note 20 Groups Expenditure

Groups Cash a/c's
Groups Trust a/c's

Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
	1624		1624
	1624		1624

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 21 Inter-fund transfers				
Preschool to General a/c	10447	-18000		-7553
Group a/c to General a/c			4488	4488
General a/c to other causes			2260	2260
General a/c to BMS/HMF		805		805
General to Group a/c			6748	
	10447	-17195		

Assets for Church Purposes

The church is the beneficial owner of the church and properties, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee, The London Baptist Property Board Limited. These are listed on the statement of Assets and Liabilities as non-monetary Assets.

Assets

	£
	47254
Bank Account	34104
Pre School Bank account	2380
Pre School Bank account - deposit monies	88379
LPBP deposit account	768
Cash in Hand, held by Groups	<u>172885</u>

Represented by balances on following accounts

Undesignated accounts

General account (£67190 in deposit account)
Legacy Fund (£11189 in deposit account)

Total

76480

11189

87669

Designated accounts

Group Cash Accounts
Group Trust Accounts
Pre-School General account
Pre-School Contingency (Deposit account)
Pre-School Deposits

Total

768

2047

34104

10000

2380

49299

Restricted accounts

Fellowship Fund
Mission Fund
Partners building for Ministry Fund

Total

1819

5000

29097

35916

Non-monetary assets - assets retained for Church use shown at insured value

Church Buildings
Church Manse - 83a Headley Drive
Church Manse - 83b Headley Drive
Fixtures, furniture & Equipment (inc Organ)

2,445,811

303,320

258,159

159,270



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

ASHURST DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1141907

Set out on pages

1-14

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did 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 this report 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:

Date:

29/10/2023

Name:

OLUFEMI OKENIYI

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

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

ASHURST DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH ILFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1141907

Accounts

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church

Accepting, Developing, Belonging, in Christ

**Report and Accounts year ended
31 December 2021**

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Charity Information

Trustees	Mrs Fay Chambers Dr Doni Daniel Rev. Dr Amutha Devaraj Mr Kishore Battu Mr Sudhakar Rajamanickam Mr Senthur Balaji Mrs Gill Davies Mr Jayaprakash Jebapandiyan Mr Vernon St Louis
Governing Document	Constitution adopted May 2009
Charity Registration Number	1141907
Custodian Trustees	The church buildings are held under the custodian trusteeship of the London Baptist Property Board
Address for Correspondence	Ashurst Drive Baptist Church Gants Hill Ilford IG2 6QH
Independent Examiner	Mr Femi Okeniyi 9 Yoxley Approach Ilford Essex IG2 6PY
Bankers	Bank of Scotland London Chief Office PO Box 1000 London BX2 1LB

Report of the Trustees for Year ending 31 December 2021

The Trustees have the pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31 December 2021

Structure, Governance and Management

The name of the church is Ashurst Drive Baptist Church. In 2009, the church adopted a new constitution and has become a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

Under the constitution, the executive body of the Church is the Ministry Team, including minister(s) and worship leader(s) if any, deacons, secretary, treasurer and elder(s), if any. These people are the Managing Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

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

The aims of the Church are:

- to maintain and develop the worship life of the Church
- to provide pastoral care for the members, worshippers, and community
- to develop the building for the use of the community
- to develop the ministry to the area

Public Benefit

When planning the Church's activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion and so

- The Church's worship services are open to all, and we operate an open communion table
- The church provides pastoral support and care for those in both the Church and wider community
- The Church makes use of its premises during the week in a wide range of social action projects, which benefit the community at large and are open to all faiths and/or none.

Achievement and Performance

Amutha Devaraj has been continuing as Newly Accredited Minister (NAM) in Ashurst Drive Baptist Church. In May 2021, the leadership team brought a proposal to the church members meeting for Amutha to continue as a Fully Accredited Minister (FAM) at Ashurst Drive Baptist Church after her NAM tenure finishes. The members unanimously agreed for this proposal to come into existence.

The church started with the memory verse plan memorising one Bible verse in a week on every Monday. Vision Sunday was celebrated on the 10th of January 2021 by unfolding the theme of the year, which is "Remain in Jesus" based on the Bible verse "I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" John 15:5. This has uplifted the congregation and connected them with God through

the difficult period of pandemic. The church celebrated the International Women's Day' on March 13th, 2021, via zoom and over 50 women from the local congregation and the community attended the meeting. Rev. Carol Bostridge, our Regional Minister attended and felicitated the meeting. The leadership team made the decision to start the Sunday worship in person. So the hybrid service was started from 4th April 2021, the Easter Sunday on wards. Two deacons from the diaconate team stepped down from their roles. In Nov. 2021, two new deacons committed their service to the life of the church and were included. Two members were included in the church family by the right-handed fellowship.

In person monthly prayer meetings were resumed in person on the 3rd Friday of every month. Other house groups that were held in zoom meetings were then opened to gather for in person fellowship. A series on 'Knowing & Doing' was started in January 2021 and a group of church congregation met together through zoom on alternate Mondays. This program lasted until July 2021. Over 20 youths were taken for a London challenge in Sept. 2021. This helped them to explore places with its historical background. We celebrated harvest festival and church anniversary in October 2021. We had a meal together in the church and about 100 people attended. We had men's gathering in November and men outside the church attended and they had fun, games, and meals. All Christmas celebrations were enjoyed including Christmas carol service, Sunday school Christmas service, watchnight service and Christmas service. Invited the community and many attended these special services. Regarding building work, all the windows were replaced to a double glazing for energy saving.

Our church premise was opened to be used as the polling station for the GLA in May 2021.

Financial Review

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church finance situation is getting better year on year, despite lockdown for the second year in a row in the last few years we finished on a positive balance. During the year, receipts were £175,119 and payments for the year amounted to £155,750 which gave a positive balancer of £19,369 which includes the gift aid claims.

We completed the gift aid claim for April 2020 - March 2021. 83b manse rental income helping to repay the loan, and regular giving by our congregation towards PBFM fund helping us to be able to build substantial amount for future use. We repaid £22,213 towards the loan which leaves the loan balance as of end of 2021 as £15,782. We also have £17,274 in our PBFM fund.

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 1st October 2022
and signed on their behalf by:

Fay Chambers – Secretary



Senthur Balaji – Treasurer



Receipts & Payments Account

As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Offerings	1	59787		12234	72021
Thank Offering	2	7410			7410
Gift Aid Tax refunds	3	15943			15943
Sundry Donations	4			656	656
Donations to outside causes	5			1050	1050
Groups	6		890		890
Generated Funds					
Pre-School	7		59494		59494
Other Incoming Resources	8	1455		16200	17655
Total Receipts		84595	60384	30140	175119
Payments					
Ministry Costs	9	36453			36453
Preschool expenses & refunds	10		50133		50133
Pension Deficit	11	4370			4370
Loan repayment	12			22213	22213
Cleaning & Utilities	13	15242			15242
Premises	14	16086			16086
Administration & Stationery	15	592			592
Subscriptions	16	2242			2242
Special Events	17	705			705
Charity/Donations to outside causes	18			7158	7158
Groups various expenditure	19		556		556
Total Payments		75690	50689	29371	155750
<i>net of receipts/(payments)</i>		8905	9695	769	19369
Transfers between funds	20	448	-6000	5552	
Net Movement in Funds		9353	3695	6321	19369
Fund Balances b/fwd 1/1/2021		48192	40210	12688	101090
Cash funds this year end		57545	43905	19009	120459

Opening balance fund adjustments	436	-436		
<i>Fund balances as of 31/12/2021</i>	57981	43469	19009	120459

Notes to Financial Statements year ended 31st December 2021

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General A/c	31459	84595	71190	448	45312
Legacy Fund	17169	0	4500	0	12669
	48628	84595	75690	448	57981

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Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Group Cash A/c's	416	763	322		857
Group Trust A/c's	2154	127	234		2047
Preschool	37204	59494	50133	-6000	40565
	39774	60384	50689	-6000	43469

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Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Fellowship Fund	1635	100			1735
Partners Building for Ministry	11053	28434	22213		17274
BMS World Mission		100	1200	1100	0
HM		100	1200	1100	0
Christian Aid		355	600	245	0
Donations outside causes		1050	4158	3108	0
	12688	30139	29371	5553	19009

Notes to Financial Statements as at 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 1 Offerings				
Loose Collections	24322			23267
Envelopes inc s/o	35465			35465
Fellowship Fund				
Partners Building for Ministry			12234	12234
	59787		12234	72021
Note 2 Thank offering				
Congregation	7410			7410
	7410			7410
Note 3 Gift Aid Tax Refunds				
General a/c	15943			15943
	15943			15943
Note 4 Sundry Donations				
Donations -Others			656	656
			656	656
Note 5 Donations to outside causes				
BMS Birthday			285	285
Operation Agri			765	765
			1050	1050
Note 6 Groups				
Group Trust a/cs		127		127
Groups cash a/cs		763		763
		890		890
Note 7 Pre-School Fees/deposits				
		59494		59494
Note 8 Other Incoming Resources				
Other income	1455			1455
Manse rental income			16200	16200
	1455		16200	17655

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Note 9 Ministry Costs				
Stipend(net), Tax/NI, expenses	28643			28643
Baptist Pension	7110			7110
Guest speakers	700			700
	36453			36453

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
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Wages/NI/Tax & Refunds		50133		50133
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Pension Deficit	4370			4370
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Phone & Broadband	514			514
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Governing Document	Constitution adopted May 2009
Charity Registration Number	1141907
Custodian Trustees	The church buildings are held under the custodian trusteeship of the London Baptist Property Board
Address for Correspondence	Ashurst Drive Baptist Church Gants Hill Ilford IG2 6QH
Independent Examiner	Mr Femi Okeniyi 9 Yoxley Approach Ilford Essex IG2 6PY
Bankers	Bank of Scotland London Chief Office PO Box 1000 London BX2 1LB

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- The Church makes use of its premises during the week in a wide range of social action projects, which benefit the community at large and are open to all faiths and/or none.

Achievement and Performance

Amutha Devaraj has been continuing as Newly Accredited Minister (NAM) in Ashurst Drive Baptist Church. In May 2021, the leadership team brought a proposal to the church members meeting for Amutha to continue as a Fully Accredited Minister (FAM) at Ashurst Drive Baptist Church after her NAM tenure finishes. The members unanimously agreed for this proposal to come into existence.

The church started with the memory verse plan memorising one Bible verse in a week on every Monday. Vision Sunday was celebrated on the 10th of January 2021 by unfolding the theme of the year, which is "Remain in Jesus" based on the Bible verse "I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" John 15:5. This has uplifted the congregation and connected them with God through

the difficult period of pandemic. The church celebrated the International Women's Day' on March 13th, 2021, via zoom and over 50 women from the local congregation and the community attended the meeting. Rev. Carol Bostridge, our Regional Minister attended and felicitated the meeting. The leadership team made the decision to start the Sunday worship in person. So the hybrid service was started from 4th April 2021, the Easter Sunday on wards. Two deacons from the diaconate team stepped down from their roles. In Nov. 2021, two new deacons committed their service to the life of the church and were included. Two members were included in the church family by the right-handed fellowship.

In person monthly prayer meetings were resumed in person on the 3rd Friday of every month. Other house groups that were held in zoom meetings were then opened to gather for in person fellowship. A series on 'Knowing & Doing' was started in January 2021 and a group of church congregation met together through zoom on alternate Mondays. This program lasted until July 2021. Over 20 youths were taken for a London challenge in Sept. 2021. This helped them to explore places with its historical background. We celebrated harvest festival and church anniversary in October 2021. We had a meal together in the church and about 100 people attended. We had men's gathering in November and men outside the church attended and they had fun, games, and meals. All Christmas celebrations were enjoyed including Christmas carol service, Sunday school Christmas service, watchnight service and Christmas service. Invited the community and many attended these special services. Regarding building work, all the windows were replaced to a double glazing for energy saving.

Our church premise was opened to be used as the polling station for the GLA in May 2021.

Financial Review

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church finance situation is getting better year on year, despite lockdown for the second year in a row in the last few years we finished on a positive balance. During the year, receipts were £175,119 and payments for the year amounted to £155,750 which gave a positive balancer of £19,369 which includes the gift aid claims.

We completed the gift aid claim for April 2020 - March 2021. 83b manse rental income helping to repay the loan, and regular giving by our congregation towards PBFM fund helping us to be able to build substantial amount for future use. We repaid £22,213 towards the loan which leaves the loan balance as of end of 2021 as £15,782. We also have £17,274 in our PBFM fund.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees believe that the Church's reserves are adequate to meet its running costs and to allow for the future development of the building and of the mission of the Church.

Risk Statement

The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires that us as trustees prepare financial statements for each accounting year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure.

We are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 1st October 2022
and signed on their behalf by:

Fay Chambers – Secretary



Senthur Balaji – Treasurer



Receipts & Payments Account

As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Offerings	1	59787		12234	72021
Thank Offering	2	7410			7410
Gift Aid Tax refunds	3	15943			15943
Sundry Donations	4			656	656
Donations to outside causes	5			1050	1050
Groups	6		890		890
Generated Funds					
Pre-School	7		59494		59494
Other Incoming Resources	8	1455		16200	17655
Total Receipts		84595	60384	30140	175119
Payments					
Ministry Costs	9	36453			36453
Preschool expenses & refunds	10		50133		50133
Pension Deficit	11	4370			4370
Loan repayment	12			22213	22213
Cleaning & Utilities	13	15242			15242
Premises	14	16086			16086
Administration & Stationery	15	592			592
Subscriptions	16	2242			2242
Special Events	17	705			705
Charity/Donations to outside causes	18			7158	7158
Groups various expenditure	19		556		556
Total Payments		75690	50689	29371	155750
<i>net of receipts/(payments)</i>		8905	9695	769	19369
Transfers between funds	20	448	-6000	5552	
Net Movement in Funds		9353	3695	6321	19369
Fund Balances b/fwd 1/1/2021		48192	40210	12688	101090
Cash funds this year end		57545	43905	19009	120459

Opening balance fund adjustments	436	-436		
<i>Fund balances as of 31/12/2021</i>	57981	43469	19009	120459

Notes to Financial Statements year ended 31st December 2021

Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Accounting Period

These accounts relate to the period from January 2021 - December 2021 to fall in line with Church Constitution which states that the accounting period should run from January - December

Analysis of Fund Movements for The Year

- i. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes. The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account.

FUND NAME	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
General A/c	31459	84595	71190	448	45312
Legacy Fund	17169	0	4500	0	12669
	48628	84595	75690	448	57981

- ii. DESIGNATED FUNDS are part of unrestricted funds and represent sums set aside out of ordinary funds for specific designated purposes. They are not legally distinct funds and can be transferred back into the general account at any time.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Group Cash A/c's	416	763	322		857
Group Trust A/c's	2154	127	234		2047
Preschool	37204	59494	50133	-6000	40565
	39774	60384	50689	-6000	43469

- iii. RESTRICTED FUNDS represent income received or invited for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. They cannot be added to unrestricted funds without the consent of the donor.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Fellowship Fund	1635	100			1735
Partners Building for Ministry	11053	28434	22213		17274
BMS World Mission		100	1200	1100	0
HM		100	1200	1100	0
Christian Aid		355	600	245	0
Donations outside causes		1050	4158	3108	0
	12688	30139	29371	5553	19009

Notes to Financial Statements as at 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 1 Offerings				
Loose Collections	24322			23267
Envelopes inc s/o	35465			35465
Fellowship Fund				
Partners Building for Ministry			12234	12234
	59787		12234	72021
Note 2 Thank offering				
Congregation	7410			7410
	7410			7410
Note 3 Gift Aid Tax Refunds				
General a/c	15943			15943
	15943			15943
Note 4 Sundry Donations				
Donations -Others			656	656
			656	656
Note 5 Donations to outside causes				
BMS Birthday			285	285
Operation Agri			765	765
			1050	1050
Note 6 Groups				
Group Trust a/cs		127		127
Groups cash a/cs		763		763
		890		890
Note 7 Pre-School Fees/deposits				
		59494		59494
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ASHURST DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended**

01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1141907

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page number in the report)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**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:

Date:

22/10/2022

Name:

OLUFEMI OKENIYI

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

Address:

9 YOXLEY APPROACH

ILFORD, ESSEX

IG2 6PY

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.

ASHURST DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH ILFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1141907

Accounts

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church

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Dr Doni Daniel
Rev. Dr Amutha Devaraj
Mr Kishore Battu
Mr Sudhakar Rajamanickam
Mr David Howarth
Mr Senthur Balaji
Mrs Gill Davies

Governing Document

Constitution adopted May 2009

Charity Registration Number

1141907

Custodian Trustees

The church buildings are held under the
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Property Board

Address for Correspondence

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church
Gants Hill
Ilford
IG2 6QH

Independent Examiner

Mr Femi Okeniyi
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Ilford Essex
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good outreach to the community particularly when people were going through down time. The church organised a team of people within the congregation to help our vulnerable adults called 'ADBC Helpline Team'. A team of about 20 volunteers were committedly serving our old age congregation by doing shopping, getting medical prescriptions, regular contact over phone and for the rest of the emergency needs. The elderly congregation appreciated this team's consistent and dedicated help. Some of this helpline offered help to the neighbouring community as well. It has been a great mission work to the vulnerable communities during the pandemic. As the buildings were empty, a considerable building work happened in the summer 2020. We refurbished the entire toilets used by PreSchool. These have increased the appealing and are comfortable and hygienic for the children attending from the local community. The Preschool restarted from September 2020 according to the government guidelines. The church did the renovation of the preschool (Grenfell Hall) wall in 2020, which was found being damaged over the period. The church changed the window glasses to double glazing helps for energy saving and is cost effective. Also, we changed all lights in the main hall to energy saving LED lights.

In the month of May 2020, the church arranged for an online Bible study on the letters of John (1,2 and 3 John). Rev. Dr Pieter Lalleman ran the zoom Bible study for the congregation and everyone who attended the study was benefitted. We were finding alternative ideas to connect with the people in the lockdown restriction. We started Zoom youth Bible study and ran an alpha course for the young people in the church. London Baptist Association asked the church whether we can train an intern. We agreed and had an intern trained in our church, leading and preaching in the online Sunday services and whenever we opened the church following the government guidelines. Since the church could not meet in person, we arranged for Zoom communion service and prayer meeting regularly once a month in this year. We did not want to leave our children unaddressed during this pandemic and hence started Zoom Sunday School every Sunday afternoon. The children within the church, outside the church and sometimes from abroad attended the zoom Sunday School.

We used to gather in the church for playing Badminton and this was not allowed in the pandemic and hence the group was meeting regularly in zoom for not to lose contact. Our church used to be utilised as polling station for the London Mayoral elections but in year 2020, it was cancelled at the last minute. We also hold a number of house groups during the week and all these groups started meeting via Zoom. We reopened the churches nearly on three occasions during this pandemic according to the government guidelines. The risk assessments were made for reopening the church according to Baptist Union guidelines. Some of our congregation expressed their interest in attending Baptismal lessons to explore where they stand in their faith. A series of lessons were taken and they are now waiting for the grand occasion to happen. In 2020, we had a film night through zoom with our congregation and we all had a good time together. We had a virtual breakfast morning in 2020 and had a sit-chat session connecting with the congregation of the church.

We have lost two of our church members in Covid. The families were given pastoral care through zoom and video call during the mourning period. The funerals were conducted in the local crematoriums.

Financial Review

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church finance situation is lot better this year, despite lockdown for the first time in the last few years we finished on a positive balance. During the year, receipts were £188,317 and payments for the year amounted to £153,703 which gave a positive balancer of £34,614 which includes the gift aid claims.

We manged to claim the gift aid for 2018-2019 which was missed last year and 2019-2020 claims as well. Also, this year we have 83b manse rented and we have regular income coming from that as well. We repaid £12,893 towards the loan which leaves the loan balance as of end of 2020 as £37,332.

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The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires that us as trustees prepare financial statements for each accounting year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure.

We are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

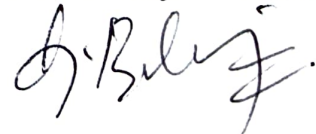
Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 1st October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Fay Chambers – Secretary



Senthur Balaji – Treasurer



Receipts & Payments Account

As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Offerings	1	55744		11780	67524
Thank Offering	2	6263			6263
Gift Aid Tax refunds	3	25785			25785
Sundry Donations	4	8887		772	9659
Donations to outside causes	5			437	437
Groups	6		723		723
Generated Funds					
Pre-School Fees	7		62669		62669
Other Incoming Resources	8	3091		12166	15257
Total Receipts		99770	63392	25155	188317
Payments					
Ministry Costs	9	38899			38899
Preschool expenses & refunds	10		50679		50679
Pension Deficit	11	3221			3221
Loan repayment	12			12893	12893
Cleaning & Utilities	13	13989			13989
Premises	14	20632			20632
Administration & Stationery	15	1008			1008
Subscriptions	16	2203			2203
Special Events	17	834			834
Charity	18			6529	6529
Groups various expenditure	19		896		896
Internship	20	1920			1920
Total Payments		82706	51575	19422	153703
<i>net of receipts/(payments)</i>		17064	11817	5733	34614
Transfers between funds	21	1330	-6000	4670	
Net Movement in Funds		18394	5817	10403	34614
Fund Balances b/fwd 1/1/2019		29798	34393	2285	66476
Cash funds this year end		48192	40210	12688	101090

Notes to Financial Statements year ended 31st December 2020

Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Accounting Period

These accounts relate to the period from January 2020 - December 2020 to fall in line with Church Constitution which states that the accounting period should run from January - December

Analysis of Fund Movements for The Year

- i. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS may be used by the Church for any of its ordinary purposes.

The movements in the fund are shown in the Receipts and Payments Account.

FUND NAME	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
General A/c	9304	90883	70494	1330	31023
Legacy Fund	20494	8887	12212	0	17169
	29798	99770	82706	1330	48192

- ii. DESIGNATED FUNDS are part of unrestricted funds and represent sums set aside out of ordinary funds for specific designated purposes. They are not legally distinct funds and can be transferred back into the general account at any time.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Group Cash A/c's	861	543	552		852
Group Trust A/c's	2318	180	344		2154
Preschool	31214	62669	50679	-6000	37204
	34393	63392	51575	-6000	40210

- iii. RESTRICTED FUNDS represent income received or invited for a specific purpose. The funds may only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. They cannot be added to unrestricted funds without the consent of the donor.

Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Fellowship Fund	1763	772	900		1635
Partners Building for Ministry		23946	12893		11053
BMS World Mission		387	1287	900	0
HM			2200	2200	0
Christian Aid	522	50	1022	450	0
Donations outside causes			1120	1120	0
	2285	25155	19422	4670	12688

Notes to Financial Statements as at 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 1 Offerings				
Loose Collections	24925			24925
Envelopes inc s/o	30419			30419
Fellowship Fund	400			400
Partners Building for Ministry			11780	11780
	57444		11780	67524
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 2 Thankoffering				
Congregation	6263			6263
	6263			6263
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 3 Gift Aid Tax Refunds				
General a/c	25785			25785
	25785			25785
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 4 Sundry Donations				
Donations -Others	8887		772	9659
	8887		772	9659
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 5 Donations to outside causes				
BMS Birthday			387	387
Christian Aid			50	50
			437	437
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 6 Groups				
Group Trust a/cs		180		180
Groups cash a/cs		543		543
		723		723
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 7 Pre-School Fees/deposits				
		62669		62669
	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 8 Other Incoming Resources				
Other income	3091			3091
Manse rental income			12166	12166
	3091		12166	15257

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 9 Ministry Costs				
Stipend(net), Tax/NI, expenses	38899			38899
Partners Building for Ministry				
Stipend(net)/expenses				
	38899			38899

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 10 Pre-School - Wages/NI/Tax				
Wages/NI/Tax & Refunds		50679		50679
		50679		50679

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 11 Pension Deficit				
Pension Deficit	3221			3221
	3221			3221

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 12 Loan Repayment				
LBPB Loan Repayments			12893	12893
			12893	12893

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 13 Cleaning & Utilities				
Lighting/Heating/Water	6985			6985
Cleaning Contract	4882			4882
Sundry Expenses	1222			1222
Phone & Broadband	900			900
	13989			13989

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 14 Premises				
83a manse repairs	150			150
83b manse repairs	365			365
Church Upkeep	4770			4770
Insurance	3134			3134
Legacy fund expenses				
Live Streaming expenses	3666			3666
Preschool toilet refurb materials	8547			8547
	20632			20632

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 15 Administration				
Printing/Stationery etc	943			943
Sundry Expenses	65			65
	1008			1008

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 16 Subscriptions				
Payroo	144			144
Baptist Union	338			338
CCLI & OFCOM PMSE	1042			1042
LBA	450			450
NIFOC	25			25
Zoom	58			58
Website	146			146
	2203			2203

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 17 Special Events				
Int'l women's day	264			264
Worship thru' Rhythm	200			200
Other Outreach	370			370
	834			834

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 18 Charity				
BMS & BMS Birthday			1287	1287
HM			2200	2200
Christian Aid			1022	1022
Fellowship Fund			900	900
Donation to other causes			1120	1120
			6529	6529

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 19 Groups Expenditure				
Groups Cash a/c's		552		552
Groups Trust a/c's		344		344
		896		896

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 20 Internship				
Internship expenses	1920			1920
	1920			1920

	Undesignated £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 21 Inter-fund transfers				
Preschool to General a/c		-6000		-6000
Group a/c to General a/c	1330			1330
General a/c to other causes			1570	1570
General a/c to BMS/HMF			3100	3100
	1330	-6000	4670	0

Assets for Church Purposes

The church is the beneficial owner of the church and properties, the legal title to which is held by the Church's custodian trustee, The London Baptist Property Board Limited. These are listed on the statement of Assets and Liabilities as non-monetary Assets.

Assets

	£
Bank Account	63471
Pre School Bank account	24524
Pre School Bank account - deposit monies	12680
Cash in Hand held by Groups	416
	101091

Represented by balances on following accounts

Undesignated accounts

General account	31023
Legacy Fund	17169
Total	48192

Designated accounts

Group Cash Accounts	852
Group Trust Accounts	2154
Heating fund	
Pre -School General account	24524
Pre-School Contingency	10000
Pre -School Deposit monies	2680
Total	40210

Restricted accounts

Fellowship Fund	1635
Partners building for Ministry Fund	11053
Total	12688

Non-monetary assets - assets retained for Church use shown at insured value

Church Buildings	2,129,434
Church Manse - 83a Headley Drive	274,994
Church Manse - 83b Headley Drive	251,664
Fixtures, furniture & Equipment (inc Organ)	143,735

Liabilities

LBPB Loan

LBPB Loan Outstanding	37,332
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ASHURST DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1141907

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that
disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

5/10/2021

Name:

OLUFEMI OKENIYI

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.