

Ashurst Drive Baptist Church

Accepting, Developing, Belonging, in Christ

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

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As at 31 December 2023

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Preschool expenses & refunds	10		58627		58627
Mission support	11			900	900
Cleaning & Utilities	12	17232			17232
Property & Maintenance	13	43134			43134
Administration & Stationery	14	2683			2683
Subscriptions	15	2744			2744
Special Events	16	13637			13637
Media	17	1209			1209
Charity/Donations to outside causes	18	355		9549	9904
Groups various expenditure	19		700		700
Total Payments		122090	59327	10449	191866
<i>net of receipts/(payments)</i>		845	8505	24699	34049
Transfers between funds	20	739	-10016	6371	
Net Movement in Funds		1584	-1511	31070	34049
Fund Balances b/fwd 1/1/2023		87669	49299	35916	172884
Cash funds this year end		89253	47788	66986	204027

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Legacy Fund	11189		11189		0
	87669	122935	122090	739	89253

- 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	768		700		68
Group Trust A/c's	2047			-2016	31
Preschool	46484	67832	58627	-8000	47689
	49299	67832	59327	-10016	47788

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Fund Name	Bal 1 Jan	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Bal 31 Dec
Fellowship Fund	1819	158			1977
Partners Building for Ministry	29097	26617			55714
Mission Fund	5000	5195	900		9295
BMS		158	1200	1042	0
HM		158	1200	1042	0
Christian Aid			550	550	0
Donations outside causes		1159	6370	5211	0
	35916	33445	10220	7845	66986

Notes to Financial Statements as at 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 1 Offerings				
Loose Collections	33432			33432
Envelopes inc s/o	49622			49622
Fellowship Fund			158	158
Communion (BMS+HM)			316	316
Partners Building for Ministry			10417	10417
	83054		10891	93945

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 2 Thank offering				
Congregation	6035			6035
	6035			6035

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 3 Gift Aid Tax Refunds				
General a/c	18280			18280
	18280			18280

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 4 Sundry Donations				
Donations - Others	750		1229	1979
	750		1229	1979

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 5 Donations to outside causes				
BMS Birthday			355	355
Earthquake Appeal			779	779
Other			341	341
			1475	1475

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 6 Mission Offerings				
Mission			5353	5353
			5353	5353

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 7 Preschool				
Preschool		67832		67832
		67832		67832

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 8 Other Incoming Resources				
Deposit interest	4327			4327
Special Events	10489			10489
Manse rental income			16200	16200
	14816		16200	31016

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 9 Ministry Costs				
Stipend(net), Tax/NI, expenses	32587			32587
Baptist Pension	7834			7834
Guest speakers	675			675
	41096			41096

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Note 10 Pre-School - Wages/NI/Tax				
Utilities		6000		6000
Wages/NI/Tax & Refunds		60627		60627
Notes 20 Preschool to General a/c		-8000		-8000
		58627		58627

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 11 Mission Support				
Mission Support			900	900
			900	900

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 12 Cleaning & Utilities				
Lighting/Heating/Water	7485			7485
Cleaning Contract	8307			8307
Sundry Expenses	662			662
Phone & Broadband	778			778
	17232			17232

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 13 Property & Maintenance				
Church upkeep	8664			8664
Insurance	3990			3990
Car park resurfacing	17611			17611
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

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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

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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

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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
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	204026

Represented by balances on following accounts

Undesignated accounts

General account (£54856 in deposit account)	89253
Legacy Fund	0
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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
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Total	47787

Restricted accounts

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

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Group Trust A/c's	2047			-2016	31
Preschool	46484	67832	58627	-8000	47689
	49299	67832	59327	-10016	47788

- 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	1819	158			1977
Partners Building for Ministry	29097	26617			55714
Mission Fund	5000	5195	900		9295
BMS		158	1200	1042	0
HM		158	1200	1042	0
Christian Aid			550	550	0
Donations outside causes		1159	6370	5211	0
	35916	33445	10220	7845	66986

Notes to Financial Statements as at 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 1 Offerings				
Loose Collections	33432			33432
Envelopes inc s/o	49622			49622
Fellowship Fund			158	158
Communion (BMS+HM)			316	316
Partners Building for Ministry			10417	10417
	83054		10891	93945

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 2 Thank offering				
Congregation	6035			6035
	6035			6035

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 3 Gift Aid Tax Refunds				
General a/c	18280			18280
	18280			18280

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 4 Sundry Donations				
Donations - Others	750		1229	1979
	750		1229	1979

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 5 Donations to outside causes				
BMS Birthday			355	355
Earthquake Appeal			779	779
Other			341	341
			1475	1475

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 6 Mission Offerings				
Mission			5353	5353
			5353	5353

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 7 Preschool				
Preschool		67832		67832
		67832		67832

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 8 Other Incoming Resources				
Deposit interest	4327			4327
Special Events	10489			10489
Manse rental income			16200	16200
	14816		16200	31016

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 9 Ministry Costs				
Stipend(net), Tax/NI, expenses	32587			32587
Baptist Pension	7834			7834
Guest speakers	675			675
	41096			41096

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 10 Pre-School - Wages/NI/Tax				
Utilities		6000		6000
Wages/NI/Tax & Refunds		60627		60627
Notes 20 Preschool to General a/c		-8000		-8000
		58627		58627

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 11 Mission Support				
Mission Support			900	900
			900	900

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 12 Cleaning & Utilities				
Lighting/Heating/Water	7485			7485
Cleaning Contract	8307			8307
Sundry Expenses	662			662
Phone & Broadband	778			778
	17232			17232

	Unrestricted £	Designated f	Restricted f	Total £
Note 13 Property & Maintenance				
Church upkeep	8664			8664
Insurance	3990			3990
Car park resurfacing	17611			17611
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

	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

	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

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
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	204026

Represented by balances on following accounts

Undesignated accounts

General account (£54856 in deposit account)	89253
Legacy Fund	0
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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
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Total	47787

Restricted accounts

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



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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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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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.