

Folkestone Baptist Church



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LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, MAKE DISCIPLES

Annual Report April 2022-March 2023



Hill Road (above)
Capel Street (below)



Ministers
Reverends Chris and Katy
Ruddle

Assistant Minister in Training
Pastor Mung Hatzaw

Pastor Pam Barr

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This report covers the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 and can be read in conjunction with the Financial Report. In preparing this report the Leadership Team have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit including the guidance on advancement of religion.

Principle Aim

The Charity is governed by an Approved Governing Document. The principal purpose of Folkestone Baptist 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.

Objectives and Activities

The Leadership Team is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church and to become part of the Church community. The Leadership Team maintains an overview of worship within the life of the Church and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within the area surrounding the Church sites both at Hill Road and Capel. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer, scripture, music and teaching. When planning our activities, the Leadership Team consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Church community through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people both within the Church and those living in the wider community.
- Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of Folkestone Baptist Church with its buildings at Hill Road, Capel Street and the Manse at Dover Road.

Overview of the Year

This year has been the first “normal” year after the pandemic crisis. As such it has been a period of reflection, recovery and rebuilding. This has presented its own challenges. In common with many other voluntary organisations, we have worked with a smaller pool of volunteers and staff. At the same time the cost of living crisis has hit many in our community. We have faced rising costs and increasing need. We have had to think carefully about how best to use our resources to be most effective. Much of what we have tried has been tentative and experimental. Some of our rebuilding has gone more slowly than we would have liked. Nevertheless, there has been progress. We have offered a space for the community to come together for food, fellowship, worship, prayer and reflection.

In September, we held a Church away day at “The Gate” in Hythe to pray and reflect on our future direction. We saw much strength in our community work but felt we needed to strengthen our evangelism and worship.

In the last quarter of the year our Ministers Chris and Katy took a sabbatical to spend time in prayer, reflection and study in preparation for the next season of the Church’s life. While they were away, our Minister in Training Mung took pastoral charge along with our Elder Emma. We are particularly grateful to them for taking on this extra responsibility.

The year is best summed up in the words of Revd Alan Donaldson in a sermon he preached at Baptist Assembly 2022 “Something is dying and something is not yet born.”

We are grateful for the many members and supporters of Folkestone Baptist Church who continue to live faithfully and to give generously of their time and money to serve our community and the God who has called us. To Him alone be the glory.

Worship and Prayer

The Leadership Team and Church Meeting are keen to offer a range of worship services during the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. The congregation at Capel led by Pastor Pam Barr offer a traditional but friendly worship service at 10.30am each Sunday.

At Hill Road All Age Services are held on the first Sunday of each month often with contributions from the young people. On other Sundays there is Sunday Club for children during the second half of the Service. The services at Hill

Road are also at 10:30am. Both Capel and Hill Road offer a strong emphasis on Bible teaching.

Details of other services and activities are shown on Folkestone Baptist Church Facebook and our weekly newsletter.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life:

- infant dedications
- believers baptism when we thank God for the gift of new life in Christ
- in marriage as public vows are exchanged with God's blessing
- through funeral services where friends and family are enabled to express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

We started the year with 91 Members. There were 2 new Members during the year with 1 of these being a transfer from another church. In November, we completed an exercise to review our membership. This exercise was delayed and complicated by the pandemic. As a result 14 no longer active Members were removed from the list. The membership at the end of the year was 79.

The Church Buildings

The Church building at Hill Road was designed to be multi-purpose and available as a resource for the local community. The suite of rooms makes it an ideal location for youth activities, local Residents' Association meetings, Bridge Club, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Blood Transfusion Service, Community Choir, Stroke Association and food ministry.

During this year the Church purchased three large AV monitors which are wall mounted in the worship hall, to improve the ability to display lyrics, liturgy and other visual communications. New cupboards at the rear of the worship hall and a purpose built sound and technology station were installed.

The Church building at Capel Street is a chapel which can accommodate a congregation of fifty. It has served the community in a variety of ways including providing a Sunday worship service, meetings for prayer and Bible study, monthly craft club and is used by community groups from outside the Church. The members help run "Messy church" once a month together with St

Radigunds Church. This year, they began a "Messy Vintage" project fortnightly.

Both Church buildings are wheelchair accessible and incorporate disabled toilet facilities. We seek to be inclusive and to also ensure that provision is made for those who are impaired in either sight or hearing.

The Manse is situated in Dover Road, Folkestone. Chris and Katy live and have their study there. They host smaller meetings and conduct pastoral work in the manse. The elderly Manse boiler was replaced with a more fuel efficient gas boiler. A heat pump was considered but was thought too expensive and not suitable for the house at this time.

We also have responsibility for a disused **Burial Ground** in Bradstone Road, Folkestone.

Activities

The Church hosts a wide variety of groups.

Girlguiding

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides hold weekly meetings during term time with many of the leaders being either Church Members or regular worshippers at Hill Road. Katy is their Chaplain and provides support including visits to some meetings. A number of Church Parades were held during the year in conjunction with the All Age Services including a Girlguiding Day Celebration with a show also in the afternoon compered by Mung, Harvest Festival and a Nativity Play. As part of serving the community, the Rainbows and Brownies completed a litter pick at Brabner Park assisted by Belinda, who was Deputy Town Mayor of Folkestone, with the litter picking equipment provided by the District Council. The girls took part in a variety of other activities organised by Girlguiding, with highlights being the Rainbows celebrating their 35th birthday at Kidz Planet, the Brownies taking part in a workshop and sponsored sleepout at a local school in aid of the Kent Homelessness Charity Porchlight and the Guides joining a Camp at the Foxlease Activity Centre in the New Forest.

Dads and Lads

Dads and Lads is an outreach ministry to the "Fatherless Generation" of young boys. The dads and lads, or in some cases lads with no dads, are invited to an activity they all can join in playing together, completing a challenge or engaging in friendly competitions. The aim is to build confidence in the children, gain skills, improve relationship between a child and his father, and also relationships between fathers and children. Activities include going for walks, barbecue at the beach, etc. Last year, in our autumn walk from Chilham to Canterbury, the dads and lads were also joined by some of the young adult men of the church. This ministry is led by the men's group of the Church.

Families and Children

The families and children work is based on the conviction that parents are a vital part of children's growth in faith. The aim is to equip parents to take an active role in the development of their children's faith. We do this by providing resources and support for parents, building relationships between children and parents, between the children and between the families. We have regular meetings for the parents for support and prayers, organising fun evenings for families. Another important aim is to build the relationship between the children and the wider church family. To that end, we organise Church family walks, picnics, carol singing in the neighbourhood, etc, which are usually well attended.

An important emphasis of the Church life is that it is truly intergenerational. Apart from encouraging Church Members to develop relationships across different generations, we also aim to enable all-age worship. Once a month, we have an All Age Service where children take part in leading parts of the service. The All Age Services reach beyond the Church families, as Girlguiding joined us for some services during the year. It is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with the families of this group.

We also run activities for children throughout the year like Easter Holiday Club and Christingle which are open to children who don't regularly come on a Sunday. We often have children from Girlguiding and from Castle Hill School. The Church parents take an active role in helping out in these activities.

Sunday Club

A Sunday club group is run at the same time as Sunday worship at Hill Road for primary school age children, except on the first Sunday of each month which is all age worship.

Tuesday Fellowship

The Tuesday Fellowship traditionally attracts older members of the Church from both the Hill Road and Capel congregations. They meet for prayer and Bible study as well as a number of social activities and "member's afternoons" and always a nice cup of tea. Tuesday Fellowship meets at Hill Road on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. The group is smaller these days than it used to be but is always welcoming to visitors or to new members. This group also fundraises and gives to missions and various good causes.

Little Acorns Pre-School

The Church founded and continues to host a well respected pre-school with its own designated premises, gardens and outside cabin classroom on the Hill Road site. The pre-school is an independent charity in its own right. However, the Church continues to appoint up to three of the trustees and maintains an active interest in the pre-school's work. During this year, Julian Chapman and Boaz Nyika stood down as trustees. Patsy Dunning continues to serve and is a very helpful link between the pre-school and the Church. In October, the Church appointed Claire Harris as Chair of trustees. During this year, the pre-school commenced the process of converting to a CIO structure which will be a more suitable governing structure for the future of the pre-school.



Men's Work

Our men's Bible study group meets on Friday mornings. Tom and Mung attended the Christian Vision for Men Conference. A men's curry night was held in December and a men's walk in October.

Women's Work

During this year we held a number of very popular social activities for women including outings, walks, sea swimming, afternoon teas and Christmas crafts. In the autumn Katy held a series of Bible studies for women at the Manse.

Prayer and Praise Evenings

These were held once a month on the 3rd Saturday beginning with a light meal followed by informal worship and prayer.

Baptist Assembly

We were represented at the Baptist Assembly in Bournemouth by our three Ministers and a delegate Belinda Walker.

Meditation Course/New Creation Project

We held quieter meditative worship sessions on Sunday afternoons for much of the year. In September, we ran our 6 week Christian Prayer and Meditation Course which had delegates from other local churches. The meditation sessions had to be suspended in January due to Chris and Katy's sabbatical.



The New Creation Project

Community Work

During this year we were able to offer a hot Lunch every Thursday and a cooked breakfast on Saturday mornings both on a "pay what you can afford" basis. During the year, the Church passed a Local Authority food hygiene inspection at Level 5. A second volunteer passed Level 3 food handling and safety. The food service managed to keep going even when several of the team were unwell during the winter.

The Church held a party for the local community to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with face painting, bouncy castle and photo booth as well as food. One visiting mum said that it was a relief to find something free to take the children to as everything was so expensive.

On a more sombre note our new large screens were installed in time for us to screen the Queen's funeral service in September. A number of people came together, including some who would otherwise have been alone.

Ecumenical Relationships

The Church is a member of Churches Together in Folkestone and took part in activities during the year including united services and prayer meetings and the annual Good Friday crosses walk. The Church supports local ecumenical charities Rainbow Centre and MAF. Our representative for the Folkestone Churches Winter Shelter is Pastor Pam Barr. She co-ordinated with the Winter Shelter and cooked a meal once a week for the guests.

Courses

Various courses were run during the year including Alpha Course, Christian Relaxation and Meditation Course and an Evangelism Training Day led by Outreach UK.

Financial Review

The Church continues to raise the funds it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. We are thankful for the members and congregation who have maintained their giving during this very challenging financial period. On the whole giving has held up well but unfortunately costs have increased. It was therefore necessary to set a deficit budget. This is a situation which can be sustained on the short but not the longer term. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

The most significant expenses relate to stipends for:

- the ministers (on a shared stipend) to lead and co-ordinate the Church's activities including the Sunday Services, to provide pastoral care for the congregation and other people and to equip and encourage the membership in their life, Christian witness and service.
- The part time Assistant Minister in Training helping to lead and coordinate the Church's activities including the Sunday Services and providing pastoral care with a focus on young adults and families.

The Church receives income from hiring premises. These groups include Little Acorns Pre-School, Bridge Club, Shepway voices, NHS Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Blood Transfusion Service, Folkestone Art Society and Diabetes Clinic.

The Church expressed its part in the life of the wider Church by making grants to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own Christian purpose. The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the Church's activities, many of which run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievements of the Church's objectives. The financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statements. The Trustees have established a Reserves Policy and are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the Church to function effectively in the coming year.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of Leadership Team Members (the Trustees) is set out in the Church Approved Governing Document. At Folkestone Baptist Church the membership of the Leadership Team, comprising our two Ministers, Minister in Training, Deacons, Elders, Treasurer, Church Administrator and Pastor for Capel, are elected by those members of the congregation who are on the Membership roll of the Church.

The Leadership Team Members are responsible for dealing with matters of general concern and importance to the Church including how the funds of the Church are to be spent and making recommendations to meetings of Church Members as appropriate. Any substantial expenditure must be ratified by a meeting of the Church Members.

All those who attend our services and members of the congregation are encouraged to put their faith in Jesus Christ. Those who have committed their lives to him are encouraged to become members, following baptism.

The Church Members meetings are normally bi-monthly on a Sunday after the morning worship service. We are currently without a Treasurer and Church Administrator, but are well-served by Dawn Kellers. She is employed as Finance Officer and also carries out additional administration tasks. She is not a Church Member and her work is overseen by the Leadership Team.

Appropriate Insurance is in place. Risk assessments are carried out on a regular basis. We have a Health and Safety Policy which is reviewed on an annual basis and a report presented to the Church Meeting. A member of the Church is appointed as Safety Officer to oversee this under the direction of the Leadership Team.

The Church subscribes to the Baptist Union Safe to Grow guidelines. We have a Safeguarding Policy for Children and Young People together with Adults at Risk which is reviewed on an annual basis and presented to the Church Meeting. A Safeguarding team is in place including a Designated Person for Safeguarding with a deputy. All Trustees are DBS checked together with volunteers who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Administrative information

Folkestone Baptist Church has two worship centres, one at Hill Road in Folkestone and one at Capel Street in Capel-le-Ferne. The registered address is:

Folkestone Baptist Church, Hill Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 6LY
Charity Registration Number 1142068

Property Trustees in respect of Bradstone Road Burial Ground - The

Baptist Union Corporation Limited, Baptist House, 129 Broadway, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 8RT

Leadership Team members who have served during the period of this report are as follows:

Ex Officio Members

Ministers (each part time) - Reverends Christopher Ruddle and Katherine Ruddle

Part-Time Assistant Minister in Training – Nang Suan Mung Hatzaw

Elected Members

Elders - Pauline Sweeney and Emma Brunton


Pastor for Capel - Pam Barr

Deacons - Patronella Sakuringwa, Patricia Dunning, Belinda Walker, Pauline Fitzpatrick and Glynis Coombes.

Bankers – HSBC and COIF

Independent Examiner – Phil Goodwin

This report was approved by the Church Meeting on 24th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed..........

Print..... K A RUDDLE..... Date..... 13.3.24.....

FOLKESTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

	Note	2023			2022		
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Receipts							
Offerings		236.51	54,011.70	54,248.21		62,716.37	62,716.37
Donations and other income	2	479.41	1,584.85	2,064.26	10,620.00	66,842.76	77,462.76
Income tax recovered on gifts			11,206.79	11,206.79		3,803.75	3,803.75
Investment income	3		567.37	567.37		12.55	12.55
Rent and contributions for use of premises			20,747.50	20,747.50		14,116.00	14,116.00
Church projects income		3,359.79		3,359.79	1,963.29		1,963.29
Raised for other causes	4	760.66		760.66	1,879.54		1,879.54
Total Receipts		£4,836.37	£88,118.21	£92,954.58	£14,462.83	£147,491.43	£161,954.26
Payments							
Ministry	5		51,129.19	51,129.19		47,879.37	47,879.37
Mission	6	213.60	16,177.21	16,390.81	1,350.95	8,869.51	10,220.46
Upkeep of church premises	7	166.60	39,673.04	39,839.64	5,900.00	36,517.76	42,417.76
Administration	8	320.38	6,423.80	6,744.18		5,614.22	5,614.22
Church projects expenses		3,461.08		3,461.08	39,434.17		39,434.17
Amounts passed on to other causes		760.66		760.66	1,879.54		1,879.54
Total Payments		£4,922.32	£113,403.24	£118,325.56	£48,564.66	£98,880.86	£147,445.52
Net receipts / (payments) for the year		(£85.95)	(£25,285.03)	(£25,370.98)	(£34,101.83)	£48,610.57	£14,508.74
Transfer between funds		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Cash balance at previous year end		£7,990.49	£91,451.49	£99,441.98	£42,092.32	£42,840.92	£84,933.24
Cash balance at current year end (See note 12)		£7,904.54	£66,166.46	£74,071.00	£7,990.49	£91,451.49	£99,441.98

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023			2022		
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Assets							
Bank and other cash balances							
HSBC Current Account		7,002.06	11,099.87	18,101.93	7,285.66	61,952.27	69,237.93
COIF Account			55,066.59	55,066.59		29,499.22	29,499.22
Catering Account		481.23		481.23	322.52		322.52
Tuesday Fellowship Account		77.41		77.41	100.90		100.90
Flower Account		343.84		343.84	281.41		281.41
Assets Held for Church's own use	9		3,482,714.00	3,482,714.00		2,973,282.00	2,973,282.00

Total Assets	£7,904.54	£3,548,880.46	£3,556,785.00	£7,990.49	£3,064,733.49	£3,072,723.98
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities	10	2,832.78	2,832.78	2,509.43	2,509.43
Contingent Liabilities	11				
Pension Scheme Liability	13			17,096.22	17,096.22
Total Liabilities		£2,832.78	£2,832.78	£19,605.65	£19,605.65

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities on this page relating to the year ending 31 March 2023 are as approved by the leadership team.

Signed *K.A. Ruddle* Name of signatory *K.A. Ruddle*

Date *13.3.24.*

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and in accordance with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

2. Donations and other income

	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Acts 435				3,870.00		3,870.00
Folkestone Town Council Grants				850.00		850.00
Legacies					65,500.00	65,500.00
DWP Resource/Ruddle's Ramp Grant				5,900.00		5,900.00
Other income	144.00	1,584.85	1,728.85		1,342.76	1,342.76
Total Donations and Other Income	£144.00	£1,584.85	£1,728.85	£10,620.00	£66,842.76	£77,462.76

3. Investment income

	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Bank interest			£567.37			£12.55

4. Raised for Other causes

	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
BMS World Mission			100.00			1,276.54
J Fitton						225.00
Angel Tree						378.00

Hope Now	560.66	
Christian Aid	100.00	
Total Raised for Other causes	£760.66	£1,879.54
5. Ministry		
Minister's stipend	28,445.71	26,400.59
Pension contributions	1,348.88	3,978.90
Minister's expenses	2,398.91	1,012.16
Manse costs	3,074.17	2,992.59
Minister in Training Salary & Pension & Expenses	15,861.52	13,495.13
Total Ministry	£51,129.19	£47,879.37

The joint Ministers act as two of the church's trustees and receive remuneration and other benefits in respect of their service as Ministers including the provision of manse accommodation (owned by the church).
The Minister in Training is as a part time assistant. He acts as one of the church's trustees and receives remuneration and other benefits in respect of his service as Minister in Training such as ensuring that accommodation is provided and rent, share of water rates and council tax paid as required.

6. Mission

	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Home Mission						
- Church Activities	213.60	766.61	980.21	1,350.95	307.37	1,658.32
- J Fitton Gift Churachandpur					810.72	810.72
- BMS Home Mission		3,322.41	3,322.41		3,242.86	3,242.86
- BMS World Mission		3,322.41	3,322.41		3,242.86	3,242.86
- SEBA Bread of Life					810.72	810.72
- BMS World Mission-Chad Hospital Work					251.00	251.00
- Tyson Road Residents		250.00	250.00			
- MAF		3,322.41	3,322.41			
- London City Mission		3,322.41	3,322.41			
- Regents Park College		1,328.96	1,328.96			
Sunday school and Youth Work		542.00	542.00		203.98	203.98
Total Mission	£213.60	£16,177.21	£16,390.81	£1,350.95	£8,869.51	£10,220.46

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued

7. Upkeep of church premises

2023 2022

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Lighting and heating		11,989.93	11,989.93		10,537.05	10,537.05
Water Rates		1,776.18	1,776.18		1,477.62	1,477.62
Cleaning		7,845.60	7,845.60		7,196.22	7,196.22
Insurance		3,969.50	3,969.50		3,526.83	3,526.83
Repairs and maintenance	166.60	14,091.83	14,258.43	5,900.00	13,780.04	19,680.04
Total Upkeep of church premises	£166.60	£39,673.04	£39,839.64	£5,900.00	£36,517.76	£42,417.76

8. Administration

	2023			2022		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Printing and stationery		2,121.94	2,121.94		1,194.45	1,194.45
Telephone and postage		699.88	699.88		739.39	739.39
Accountancy Costs		1,251.38	1,251.38		1,141.71	1,141.71
Subscriptions		861.40	861.40		242.00	242.00
Other administration	320.38	1,489.20	1,809.58		2,296.67	2,296.67
Total Administration	£320.38	£6,423.80	£6,744.18		£5,614.22	£5,614.22

9. Assets Held for the Church's own use

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the church's trustees:

- Church premises at Hill Road valued in accounts at £2,616,514 based on insurance value.
- Church premises at Capel valued in accounts at £347,174 based on insurance value.
- The church also owns furniture and equipment at Hill Road and Capel with an insured Contents value of £108,865.
- Church manse in Dover Road valued in the accounts at £388,687 based on insurance value. Contents insured separately at £6,674.
- Church Office at Manse valued in the accounts at £10,763 based on insurance value. Contents insured separately at £4,037.
- A burial ground in Bradstone Road. No meaningful value is available so it has not been included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

10. Current Liabilities

	2023	2022
Other current liabilities		
HMRC	16.03	44.83
Utilities invoices	1652.76	91.68
Minister's Expenses	-214.02	2186.3
Minister in training Expenses	611.35	
Other Expenses	766.66	186.62
	£2,832.78	£2,509.43

11. Contingent liability

A grant for £75,000 was received from Kent County Council in 2015 for the Little Acorns Pre-School extension. A condition of the grant is that the premises has to be used for childcare until 2030 or some of the grant will have to be repaid.

12. Restricted Funds

2023 2022

	Income	Expenditure	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Community Account		32.40	4,397.84		32,524.23	4,430.24
Girls Brigade Account					1,615.56	0.00
Catering Account	3,359.79	3,201.08	481.23	1,417.03	1,951.88	322.52
Tuesday Fellowship Account	236.51	260.00	77.41	311.26	220.00	100.90
Flower Account	350.41	287.98	343.84	235.00	92.50	281.41
Book Account		166.60	0.00		10.00	166.60
Acts 435			1,459.00	3,870.00	3,020.00	1,459.00
Harbour Project		213.60	1,016.22		500.95	1,229.82
DWP Resource/Ruddle's Ramp Grant				5,900.00	5,900.00	0.00
Funday Grants				850.00	850.00	0.00
Friends of Bradstone	129.00		129.00			
Raised for other causes	760.66	760.66	0.00	1,879.54	1,879.54	0.00
	<u>£4,836.37</u>	<u>£4,922.32</u>	<u>£7,904.54</u>	<u>£14,462.83</u>	<u>£48,564.66</u>	<u>£7,990.49</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - continued

13. Pension Scheme Liabilities

On 30th June 2022 the Baptist Pension Scheme signed an agreement with the insurance company Just Group ("Just") to secure DB Plan members' pension benefits. Just are now providing financial backing for all pensions provided through the Scheme's DB Plan and following this transaction, the Scheme no longer has a shortfall. An updated Recovery plan was then signed in August 2022 under which recovery contributions from each participating employer in the DB Plan reduced to £1 per month from August 2022.

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I set out below for good measure the process of examination regarding the examination of the church accounts.

This is on the basis members and the committee can understand how the audit has been conducted. The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

The Church treasurer for this financial year was Mrs Dawn Kellers.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts
- To follow procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination included a full review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement.

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

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

- To keep accounting records in accordance with the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting records of the 2011 Act.

Have not been met; or

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

The checks carried out, along with discussions enable me to confirm an "unqualified" report; the signed checked accounts are attached.

Phil Goodwin
Examiner
Dated: 18/07/2023

Qualifications: Phil Goodwin
Qualified by experience, retired Manager NatWest Bank
Qualified School Finance Director (CSBM) (retired)
Former School Governor, Chair Finance Committee.