

ALNWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

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1. Statutory Information

Alnwick Baptist Church at Lisburn Street, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 1UR) was entered on the Register of Charities on 9 September 2011 with a new Charity Register Number of 1143745. The financial year runs from April to March.

The governing documents are a property Trust Deed (dated 1 July 1976), for which the current holding or Church Trustees are Mr Alastair Conn, Mr Brian Friend, Mr William McDonald and Mr Ian Simpson, and the Church Constitution (agreed 10 March 2011).

The mission statement of Alnwick Baptist Church is "To encourage people to accept and celebrate Jesus in their lives and to dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to following Him."

The Church banks with Lloyds Bank, Alnwick. The independent examiner is Mrs Jane Harvey FCA, of Greaves Grindle, Alnwick.

2. Trustees and Governance

The Charity Trustees who served during the year were:

Rev Caroline Friend (Co-Minister)	
Rev Chris Friend (Co-Minister)	
Dr Margaret Andrew (Church Treasurer)	
Mrs Julie Hammond	
Mr Chris Hinds (Church Secretary)	retired 31 August 2022
Mr Russell Lee (Church Secretary)	from 6 July 2022
Dr Carol Jagger	
Mr Andrew Kohler	
Miss Susan Prince (Safeguarding Lead)	
Mr Ian Simpson	
Dr Ian Smith	
Mrs Karen Smith	
Mrs Dorothy Walls	

Charity Trustee selection method:

- Names are brought before the Church through the existing Elders.
- A quorum of 40% of Church Members is required at the Church Meeting, and confirmation is by secret ballot, with at least two-thirds of the Members (present and voting) in favour of the appointment.
- Elders must be Church Members, hold the doctrinal beliefs as stated for the minister in the Church Constitution, and have been baptised as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Elders serve for 3 years and may be re-appointed.
- Deacons must be Church Members, and the majority of the Diaconate been baptised as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Deacons serve for 3 years and may be re-appointed.
- Elders and Deacons are encouraged to read the Baptist Union of Great Britain Guidelines and its other resources relating to their responsibilities and positions.
- Elders and Deacons are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit", and they have regard to this in their administration of the Church.

As Charity Trustees, the Elders and Deacons met jointly in person six times during the year. Separately, the Elders and the Deacons met regularly to deal with all the affairs of the Church: spiritual, pastoral and practical.

3. Charitable Objective

Alnwick Baptist Church ("ABC") is governed by a property Trust Deed and Church Constitution, and as a charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

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The Constitution states the principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination, to include the advancement of education, community service and other such general charitable purposes, in such parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Church shall determine. The objectives of the Elders and Deacons are to ensure Church life, and work within the local area, help to fulfill that mission, both locally and more widely.

4. Organisational Structure and Decision Making Process

Members of the Church are accepted in accordance with the Trust Deed and the Church Constitution, which require them to acknowledge the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ; the absolute authority of the Holy Scriptures; salvation only by repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and to have made a personal confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Church Members' Meeting normally occurs three times in each year, and has responsibility for the overall policy of the Church. In accordance with the Church Constitution, Members appoint Charity Trustees, who together with the Minister(s), Church Secretary and Treasurer (each also appointed by the members) and collectively known as the Eldership and Diaconate, are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Church's work and witness, and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. All Members are encouraged to take an appropriate part in the spiritual and practical tasks involved in the furtherance of the charitable objective. Church Members' meetings are open to non-members. They can join in meeting discussions but only Church Members are entitled to vote.

Relevant matters may be presented to the Church Members' Meeting by the Elders and Deacons for guidance, or they may be raised by Members in the Church Meeting for further consideration by the Elders and Deacons. Though the Trust Deed and the Church Constitution permit decisions to be made at Church Members' Meetings by appropriate majorities, the Church seeks to work by consensus wherever possible.

5. Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve the principal objective set out above (see Charitable Objective), the Church provides a variety of activities, both to its membership and to the community generally. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed, and to bring people into a closer relationship with Him as living Lord.

Central to the work and the witness of the Church is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship, which normally take place each Sunday at 10:30am in our building on Lisburn Street. On the first Sunday of each month, the morning worship includes a communion service, which also occurs on the third Sunday of each month at 7pm. In months with a fifth Sunday, we do not meet together at Lisburn Street and instead each take our own individual act of worship into our local community. There are also occasional services at other times which are advertised variously through the weekly noticesheets, invitation leaflets, in the local press and on the church noticeboard. There is a children's programme during most morning services. Alnwick Baptist Church seeks to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend any of these services. The Church also has a number of missional communities which function as small relational services, usually held outside the church building within community settings.

The Church runs a series of mid-week groups for the growth of faith and discipleship, hosted in the homes of some Members. These groups are an important part of the prayer and practical support the church family give to one another, and an opportunity to develop the themes and application of the Sunday sermon.

We also run other groups to connect with our local communities, such as a discipleship book group for ladies called Sensible Shoes, a Tuesday morning Explore group and weekly Faith Talks at Weavers Court (local extra care housing). The monthly Mondays@7 mens gathering meets in a local pub and the Walking Group has continued to walk and talk.

The Church offers and supports various events for people of all ages to allow opportunities to build relationships, explore different expressions of worship and develop personal faith.

Further details of these activities can be obtained from the Charity Trustees on request.

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The Church operates systems to ensure that all people working with children and adults at risk are safely recruited into their roles, including DBS checks where necessary. A statement of the Church's Safeguarding Policy is reviewed at a Church Members' Meeting once every year. The policy is also formally reviewed at least annually and updated where required.

A Charity Trustee is responsible for oversight of the Church's safeguarding procedures, and the Church appoints and retains Designated Persons for the safeguarding of children and for the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

6. Activities and Achievements

We measure the success of our programmes in the opportunities we provide for fellowship, as well as the encouragement given to Members, the wider congregation and the Community which we serve, rather than simply being driven by numbers. Nevertheless the Trustees recognise our responsibility to ensure that funds are utilised appropriately and effectively, and note some of our criteria for success can be difficult to measure. In 2022/23, our achievements continued to be characterised by an ability to innovate, in order to sustain fellowship with each other, through pastoral care and prayer life by the Church for the Church and wider community, and a continued desire to be the 'hands and feet' of Jesus in what we say and do.

Our Pastoral Team, coordinated by Pauline Davidson (who acts in a Triage capacity), has been exceptional, as too the Prayer Line facilitated by Andrew and Lesley Kohler. In addition, Karen Smith, our Minister in Training, continues to be superb at looking after Weavers Court with both Songs of Praise and our missional community there called Faith Talks. Our Children and Families Worker, Sarah Hamer, now has a range of family friendly services and activities including Family Church and Muddy Church. Sarah recently completed a Growing Leaders course, which she has found hugely helpful to her role.

We have actively encouraged the Church to consider that the 'family' is wider than just the congregation, and to find a home where they are part of church community and discipleship. For some this is weekly services, for others midweek groups or missional communities. In total, the church family number around 170.

From a congregational perspective, we have seen steady growth across a spectrum of ages, from young families to those newly retired, and this has brought a freshness and additional gifting to our Church family. Between 80 and 100 people attend Alnwick Baptist Church's congregation on a regular basis, and as of January 2023 we have a formal membership of 86.

Once again it was fantastic to meet in the Northumberland Hall for our Harvest Ceilidh and annual community Carol Service. The latter saw us at capacity, with almost 200 people from the local community singing carols and enjoying refreshments.

Our Prayer Meetings are in person on a weekly basis where we pray for our church, community and the wider world. Prayer is also an integral part of our midweek groups. There continues to be a monthly prayer gathering to pray for Christians experiencing persecution in different parts of the world using material produced primarily by Open Doors.

We aim to provide a variety of ways for people to connect with the Christian faith. As well as the Sunday Services and other groups described above, Thursday@7 continues to run on a weekly basis, enabling people to *'do shared lives and provide the opportunity to ask the bigger questions'*, in an informal and relational way based in Starbucks. The monthly 'Gathering' has now been going for over five years, attracting a number of people keen to explore faith issues. This takes place in people's homes with an informal discussion about 'Jesus encounters' in the Bible, followed by a meal together. Alongside this, Messy Church takes place at its established base at St James United Reform Church, with many families attending. There continues to be a strong emphasis on missional listening teams to look to join in with what God is already doing in our community.

We continued to lead Christian services at both Abbeyfield Residential Care Home and St Paul's Court sheltered housing, providing support and friendship to residents. In addition, a team visits Abbeyfield once a month to listen, chat and offer a thought for the day.

Beyond lockdown, we remain hopeful that our building will still be used by Rangers, another way in which we seek to serve our local community.

Several congregation members remain involved in work at HMP Northumberland, including services for prisoners by **Good News For Everyone** (formerly GideonsUK - Charity No. 221605),

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the **Sycamore Tree Project** (part of Prison Fellowship Charity No. 1102254) for restorative justice, and the welcome centre for families visiting prisoners.

Community links

We seek to be a positive impact within our local community in many ways. Some of these activities are as Alnwick Baptist Church, and some by the Church and/or its Members providing support to other charities or organisations.

Christians Against Poverty (Charity No. 1097217)

A major commitment of the Church is running a debt advice centre in Alnwick, a part of CAP (Christians Against Poverty), offering free debt advice and support to anyone in the local community who requests it.

Many clients exhibit and often admit to mental and physical health problems. This makes our work both more challenging and yet more rewarding.

A number of clients have proven frustratingly elusive after initial contact with CAP. They are recorded as "not yet ready to work with CAP" or simply "lost contact".

- Eight clients have gone DEBT FREE in the last 12-month period
- Contact has been made with six new clients, with three still current
- In addition there are six pre-existing clients requiring on-going support

New contacts have been made with referring organisations including community centres, Northumberland County Council Housing Department and NHS social prescribers.

Warm and Welcome

In the summer of 2022, anticipating the forecast 'Cost of Living Crisis', the Church sensed that it should provide a 'warm space' over the coming winter months. This was realised by our 'Warm and Welcome', a safe warm space providing hot refreshments and companionship, for the benefit of any in the local community. The Warm and Welcome began in November 2022, opening each Wednesday from 11am to 3pm. After a 'soft start', it gained traction and has regularly hosted up to 15 guests each week. This Church volunteer-led activity has been a wonderful way for us to demonstrate God's heart of compassion for the community. Such was its success in terms of friendship and meeting together, it has continued beyond the end of April 2023 into the summer months, in a scaled down version known as the 'Warm Welcome'. We are most grateful for an anonymous donation given specifically to support this work.

Other community links

Chris and Caroline Friend and David Archer continue to work in the **Duchess High School** as volunteer Chaplains. They work closely with the Pastoral Team and between them see up to 15 young people each week on a one-to-one basis.

The Church and some of its members continue to provide support to the local community center **Community@NE66 (Charity No. 1171202)**, both in a 'hands on' capacity and also serving as trustees, and the **Alnwick District Food Bank (Charity No. 1173294)**, a charity with trustees of both faith (at least four churches in Alnwick represented) and not.

Christians Together in Alnwick (CTIA) exists to bring the churches of Alnwick together. We are active supporters and have taken part in combined activities, such as the Good Friday service in the town's market square.

Ukraine Response: some of our Church family have been actively involved in the local response to homing Ukrainian refugees. This has ranged from administrative support as part of the Alnwick Homes for Ukraine Group to offering homes for refugees.

Ignite Youth Project (Charity No. 1089954) works in schools and among children and young people through youth clubs and other activities. The Mighty Oaks Alnwick project, providing coffee and tea from a van in Alnwick, is part of its work. Church members support Ignite financially and also as volunteers, assisting schools work, youth groups and by acting as trustees.

7. Financial Review and Policies

The Church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider public appeal was made for funds during the year.

However, significant sums of money have been donated to the Church this year to support the CAP Alnwick Debt Advice Centre and to establish a Warm and Welcome Hub for the local community.

The most significant recurring expenses are related to the ongoing employment of:

- Rev Chris Friend and Rev Caroline Friend as Co-Ministers of the Church, who lead and co-ordinate the Church's activities including the Sunday Services, provide pastoral care for the congregation and other people, and equip and encourage the membership in their life, Christian witness and service.
- Mr Neill Parker as CAP Alnwick Debt Advice Centre Manager, on a part-time basis.
- Mrs Sarah Hamer as Children and Families Worker, on a part-time basis.
- Mrs Karen Smith who commenced a 3 year part time work placement (1.5 days per week) on 10th October 2021 as part of her ministerial training.

The Church expresses its part in the life of the wider church by making donations to national and international Christian organisations and societies with Christian aims and objectives compatible with the Church's own charitable purpose.

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership working as volunteers in all aspects of the Church's activities, many of which are run with little or no impact on the Church's expenditure, but nevertheless contribute substantially to the achievement of the Church's objectives.

The financial statements set out on pages [8] to [13] cover the Church's financial year ended 31 March 2023.

Total receipts for the year amounted to £195,182 (preceding year £156,615) and total payments were £163,182 (preceding year £140,202), producing a surplus for the year of £32,000 (preceding year surplus of £16,413).

Regular monthly giving to ABC, mostly through Gift Aid, continued at a similar level to the previous financial year, and the Charity Trustees are grateful for the consistency of this financial support.

This year significant donations of £17,724 for the CAP Alnwick Debt Advice Centre, £25,900 for the Warm and Welcome Hub/Boiler, £4,000 for Hosts of Ukrainian Families and £3,026 for ministry training costs were received from a variety of donors. There was a grant of £2,080 from the Lady Hewley Trust for fellowship meals at Weavers Court, donations of £500 for faith talks at Weavers Court, £500 for Children and Families work and a Baptist Union Grant of £500 for hardship gifts. The Charity Trustees wish to acknowledge the incredible generosity of these donations which enables the Church to support work within our local community.

Total financial reserves as at 31 March 2023 amounted to £148,441 (31 March 2022 £116,441), of which £27,063 are held in restricted funds (31 March 2022 £4,250).

The Church continued to allocate a significant amount of its income to supporting a range of external organisations engaged in Christian outreach and teaching, promotion of justice and care for the poor and needy, and the development of personal faith. This year all the funding for the CAP Alnwick Debt Advice centre came from donations given for this purpose.

The Charity Trustees would like to express their appreciation to Jane Harvey of Greaves Grindle, Chartered Accountants, Alnwick for once again carrying out the independent examination of the Church's financial statements.

Reserves policy

The Charity Trustees' policy is that the minimum amount of unrestricted funds to be retained should cover normal operating costs for six months, as well as holding a reserve for the cost of replacing equipment (photocopier, PA system etc) - say £85,000 in total. The actual reserves shown in the financial statements as at 31 March 2023 are significantly in excess of this figure. This is because of the donations received this year to support the CAP Alnwick Debt Advice Centre, Weavers Court and Children and Families activities which would normally all be paid for from general funds.

The budget for the year 2023-2024 anticipates a loss of £27,000, due to the commitment to support a minister-in-training for 3 years and the high cost of living increases in the coming year. This deficit will be covered by the surplus currently held in the reserves. The Trustees consider this is an acceptable position that provides for stability in a time of significant financial uncertainty.

Investment policy

The Charity Trustees seek to invest the Church's funds in such a way as to produce investment income whilst minimising the risk of capital loss. Interest-bearing deposits are currently held with the COIF Charities Deposit Fund and the Baptist Union Corporation Loan Fund.

8. Signature and Declaration

I declare that in my capacity of Charity Trustee, that

- The Charity Trustees have approved the report above; and
- They have authorised me to sign it on their behalf



Rev Chris Friend
(Minister & Elder)



Rev Caroline Friend
(Minister & Elder)



Mr Russell Lee
(Deacon & Secretary)

Date: 5 July 2023

ALNWICK BAPTIST CHURCH**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Year ended 31 March 2023			Year ended 31 March 2022
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
Receipts				
Offerings and donations - Gift Aid	91,230	-	91,230	93,044
Offerings and donations – other	14,145	1,000	15,145	16,612
Tax reclaimed via Gift Aid	28,072	-	28,072	22,491
Interest receivable	2,542	-	2,542	117
Donations for ministry training costs	-	3,026	3,026	8,321
Donations for Warm Hub/Boiler	-	25,900	25,900	-
Donations for CAP	-	17,724	17,724	1,410
Donation to Hosts of Ukrainian Families	-	4,000	4,000	-
Donations for other organisations	-	1,498	1,498	3,927
Receipts for church events	3,465	-	3,465	5,443
Legacy Received	-	-	-	5,000
Baptist Union Church Grant	-	500	500	250
Lady Hewley Trust Grant	-	2,080	2,080	-
	139,454	55,728	195,182	156,615
Payments				
Staff employment costs (Note 2)	86,693	10,243	96,936	87,698
Upkeep of church premises (Note 3)	6,301	-	6,301	5,167
General expenses (Note 4)	7,163	1,000	8,163	6,131
Equipment and furniture (Note 5)	5,189	-	5,189	837
Church events	4,687	-	4,687	6,816
CAP Alnwick Debt Centre (Note 6)	-	5,306	5,306	5,178
Donations (Note 7)	20,234	10,124	30,358	28,375
Warm and Welcome Hub (Note 8)	-	5,654	5,654	-
Weavers Court (Note 9)	-	588	588	-
	130,267	32,915	163,182	140,202
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year	9,187	22,813	32,000	16,413
Bank/deposit balances at start of year	112,191	4,250	116,441	100,028
Bank/deposit balances at end of year (Note 10)	121,378	27,063	148,441	116,441

The notes on pages [10] to [13] form part of these financial statements.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2023

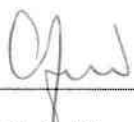
	<u>31 March 2023</u>	<u>31 March 2022</u>
	£	£
Bank/cash balances		
Lloyds Bank	6,385	10,311
Charities Deposit Fund	102,056	66,130
Baptist Union Corporation Loan Fund	40,000	40,000
	<u>148,441</u>	<u>116,441</u>
Other monetary assets		
Debtor - tax reclaimable via Gift Aid (re tax year 2022/23)	<u>24,972</u>	<u>28,072</u>

Fixed assets retained for church use

Alnwick Baptist Church premises, Lisburn Street, Alnwick NE66 1UR
Furniture, fittings and contents of church premises

The notes on pages [10] to [13] form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Charity Trustees of Alnwick Baptist Church and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Chris Friend
(Minister & Elder)



Rev Caroline Friend
(Minister & Elder)



Mr Russell Lee
(Deacon & Secretary)

Date: 5 July 2023

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Notes to the financial statements

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as permitted by Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

General funds are for the furtherance of the normal purposes of Alnwick Baptist Church and are not subject to any restriction of use.

2 Staff employment costs

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Salaries	72,150	65,015
Manse rent (leaseback on Ministers' residence)	9,072	8,784
Council tax and water rates	2,181	2,061
Employer's NI contributions (net of Employment Allowance)	-	-
Employer's pension contributions	7,907	7,324
Telephone and broadband	1,450	1,385
Travel expenses	3,741	2,417
Courses and conferences	435	712
	<hr/> 96,936	<hr/> 87,698

Rev Chris Friend (full-time) and Rev Caroline Friend (part-time) were employed by the Church throughout the year as Co-Ministers. The Co-Ministers, who were also Charity Trustees, lived in a house rented from them by the Church.

Mr Neill Parker was employed part-time by the Church throughout the year as Manager of the Alnwick Debt Centre, which is run by the Church in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP). In 2022/2023 employment costs for Manager of the Alnwick Debt Advice Centre were paid from the restricted funds donated to support CAP.

Mrs Sarah Hamer was employed part-time by the Church throughout the year as Children and Families Worker.

Mrs Karen Smith continued a part-time work placement (1.5 days per week)) as part of her ministerial training, for which she was paid pro-rata (0.3 full time equivalent) of the Baptist Union recommended ministerial stipend. Karen was also a Charity Trustee.

All of the employees are members of personal defined contribution pension plans into which the Church makes an employer contribution equivalent to 10% of salary.

No sums were reimbursed to the Charity Trustees for their work as Charity Trustees (2021-22 none).

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3 Upkeep of church premises

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Gas, electricity and water (see Note 8)	2,925	1,586
Repairs, maintenance and cleaning	1,947	2,314
Insurance	1,429	1,267
	6,301	5,167

4 General expenses

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Teaching materials	356	364
Children and Families resources	766	-
Photocopying, postage and stationery	1,991	1,449
Website, audio system and IT	969	932
Safeguarding	-	129
Subscriptions	908	762
Fees/expenses to visiting speakers	360	400
CCLI copyright licence	772	724
Other	2,041	1,371
	8,163	6,131

5 Equipment and furniture

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Vacuum cleaners	-	145
Laptop computer	1,349	598
Microphones (for portable sound system)	950	94
Portable sound system	2,112	-
Water heater	653	-
Key	5	-
Ladders	120	-
	5,189	837

6 CAP Alnwick Debt Centre

The Church runs the Alnwick Debt Advice Centre, in conjunction with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), a national charity. This year all of the costs, including employment costs, were covered by the donations to support CAP. Employment costs for the Manager of the Alnwick Debt Centre are included in the staff employment costs in Note 2. Other amounts paid during the year were as follows:

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Donation to Christians Against Poverty central costs	4,992	4,992
CAP Alnwick Debt Centre running costs	314	186
	5,306	5,178

7 Donations

The Church supports Christian work in a variety of situations through prayer and financial giving.

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Baptist Union Home Mission	5,400	5,300
BMS World Mission	5,400	5,300
Harvest offering – BMS Good Land Appeal (previous year BMS I Will Stand)	1,000	484
Christmas offering – Community@NE66 and Alnwick Homes for Ukraine Support Group (previous year Global Care)	812	270
Cord Global	120	500
Ignite (formerly Contagious)	3,000	3,000
Mighty Oaks	-	200
Operation Agri	-	500
Tearfund	500	500
Release International	500	500
Good News For Everyone (formerly Gideons UK)	500	500
Lifepath Brinkburn	500	500
The Farming Community Network	500	500
Open Doors	500	500
Newcastle West End Refugee Service	500	500
Community@NE66 (Alnwick Community Centre)	1,500	500
Rural Ministries	500	500
BMS Ukraine Appeal	-	4,000
Contribution to ministry training costs (Karen Smith)	4,626	4,321
Hosts of Ukrainian Families	4,000	-
Alnwick Homes for Ukraine Support Group	500	-
	30,358	28,375

8 Warm and Welcome Hub

This year the Church received donations to run a Warm and Welcome Hub for local people between November and March, providing a warm environment and soup, rolls, hot drinks and cake. The costs of the Hub are shown below. Soup and cake were mostly donated free of charge by members of the church, and no volunteers received payment for their time spent helping at the Hub.

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Fridge	145	-
Boiler	3,300	-
General expenses	963	-
Gas and electricity	1,246	-
	5,654	-

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9 Weavers Court

A grant was received from the Lady Hewley Trust to provide Fellowship meals for the residents. A separate donation was given to support Faith talks and other activities at Weavers Court.

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Fellowship meals	448	-
Faith talks etc.	140	-
	<hr/> 588	<hr/> -

10 Reserves in Restricted Funds

	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Reserves CAP	2,175	-
Reserves Warm Hub/Boiler	20,246	-
Reserves Weavers Court	2,242	250
Reserves ministry training costs	2,400	4,000
	<hr/> 27,063	<hr/> 4,250

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER to the Trustees of Alnwick Baptist Church ("the Charity")

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages [8] to [13].

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

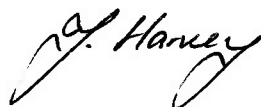
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 1/12/2023