

WHADDON WAY CHURCH (ANGLICAN/BAPTIST)

England & Wales · Charity number 1144502

Details

Other names	WHADDON WAY CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2011-11-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF THE PARTICIPATING CHURCHES.

Activities: REGULAR PUBLIC WORSHIP, JUNIOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. DROP-IN AND LUNCH CLUB FOR MAINLY OLDER ADULTS. CLASSES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN TO IMPROVE NUMERACY & LITERACY SKILLS.TODDLER GROUP. SUPPORT FOR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING IN LOCAL COMMUNITY, INTERNATIONAL AID, DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Milton Keynes

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£91,936	£61,132	-	-
2023-12-31	£90,981	£77,108	-	-
2022-12-31	£80,478	£58,330	-	-
2021-12-31	£78,014	£79,733	-	-
2020-12-31	£191,297	£90,868	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Georgina Holden	Chair	2022-05-11
Jane Mary Entwistle		2026-04-16
Paul Ormrod		2023-04-19
Rita James		2021-06-03
Susan North		2022-05-11

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Annual Report

2024

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Trustees' Report

The year started by learning that the church had been unsuccessful in a grant application to the Oxford Diocese that had been made to ensure the continued funding of the minister's post and the creation of a youth worker. Although the church finances would have been sufficient to continue to fund the minister for a further two or three years, sadly, after much thought and prayer, Rev. Peter Landry felt called to look elsewhere and in February 2024 he advised the church that he would be leaving to take up a post in Australia. Peter and his family left in mid-August 2024. During his two and a half years as our Minister, Peter and Megan Landry had made a huge contribution to the life of Whaddon Way church. We wish him and his family every blessing in their new life.

Peter continued his ministry until the end of July 2024 with his special evening teaching series for those who were interested in a deeper understanding of aspects of faith. These were enjoyed by those who attended. Peter also ensured that rotas were in place up until Christmas to give church members some time to adjust to the period of inter-regnum.

WWC's relationship with St Mary's continued throughout this time with the Chair of Trustees, sitting on the St Mary's PCC and a member of St Mary's, Chris Hayter, sitting as a non-voting member on the WWC trustees. Chris's has brought her insight and encouragement to WWC Trustees' meetings and her contribution has been very welcome.

After Peter Landry and his family left for his new position in Australia, our Maintenance and Infrastructure Group continued to carry out much needed refurbishment of the manse to ensure that it is fit for use by the next incumbent.

Following Peter's departure, a discernment group was set up to focus on what the church needs in a new minister and to draw up the church profile which will be used to attract applicants. This group contained a mix of members who had been through the appointment process before and new members who had not. The results of the group's deliberations were shared with the wider church at consultation meetings and further work was done to refine the text.

During this period of inter-regnum church members have stepped up to ensure that all of the vital functions of the church can proceed as usual. With strong teaching, leading and support teams, services have been able to continue. The church was able to host Christmas Cracked and welcome children from four schools in the local area as well as to host a school Christmas service. Other events, aimed at the wider community included a repeat of the charity brass band concert first held in 2023 and a Tearfund quiz. However, some other activities were pared back, most notably the difficult decision was taken not to host Winter Night Shelter this year to avoid overloading those who would normally volunteer.

We are indebted to our administrator Ruth Cooling who has kept the church on track administratively and fielded many calls and emails that might otherwise have been dealt with by the minister.

Throughout this year the Lord has been with us, helping members to find strength, resourcefulness and creativity. We are thankful to him for his faithfulness. Although there was sadness around Peter's departure, we are grateful to him and his family for all that they brought to the church and we look forward to what the Lord has for us in the coming year.

Georgy Holden on behalf of the Trustees.

Administrator's report

Membership

Whaddon Way church has seen attendance fluctuate over the past 12 months. We welcomed Marie Macey as our newest member.

Some members of church had moved away from Milton Keynes and the Bletchley area, during the later half of 2024.

At the end of 2024, there were 63 members.

Outreach Ministries

Noah's Ark

This mum and toddlers group has been and is still enjoyed by people who live in the neighbourhood. It has been run by volunteers from among church members. There is no charge for this weekly service that runs on a Thursday morning. It gives busy mums a break and an opportunity to meet with other adults whilst also enjoying safe activities for children under school age.

Café on the Way

This gathering for pre-and teenagers is a safe space for local school children / students to enjoy activities immediately after school. It provides a safe stopping point for those whose parents may be travelling home from work when the schools finish their day. These sessions are managed by qualified youth leaders and vetted volunteers who are members of our church. All are DBS checked and have up to date training in safeguarding that complies with both the Baptist Union and Church of England standards.

Pebblestones

A qualified teacher of reading and writing for dyslexics runs classes for any school aged student on Saturday mornings. Parents may sit in class with their sons and daughters if they wish. Many choose to take their child into the lesson and then collect them afterwards. Our teacher has enabled many to gain in confidence and ability.

Time for You

This is part of the community engagement group's activities. A friendly space for those who are lonely at home and an occasion to participate in craft or cultural activities, this happens every Tuesday morning. There is a nominal charge of £1.00. Light refreshments are provided. Talks and outings are arranged. This is run by a some kind hearted volunteers who are qualified and safeguarding trained. It is run for the benefit of the local community.

Winter Night Shelter

For 2024, due to lack of sufficient numbers of volunteers from the membership and attendees at Whaddon Way Church, we decided not to host Winter Night Shelter this winter. However, it was open to anyone who was keen to support this work, to contact the leaders of MK Winter Night Shelter to support as a volunteer to assist at other venues. It is hoped that, if the Lord wills, we may grow in number and perhaps resume activities and hosting in the future.

Children's and Young People's Church

One of our trustees leads a listening and study group when there are a sufficient number of children in church on a Sunday morning. The children participate in making things that contribute to the service and the congregation have the opportunity see and encourage their completed creations. It is a good method of helping children to understand the basics of our faith.

Maintenance and Infrastructure Group

There has been a lot of maintenance work carried out in the past 12 months. Here is the list of items:

- Codrus Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting Service March 2025
- Emergency Lighting Fixed in Foyer and Corridor March 2025
- Manse Fence Repair March 2025
- Manse Drive Way Feb 2025
- Manse Window Installation Feb 2025
- Manse Washing Machine Repaired Feb 2025
- DAC Heating Survey Jan 2025
- Intercom Casing Sealed Nov 2024
- Asbestos Removal from Manse by WestCross Environmental Services Ltd Nov 2024
- Installation of Water Heater and Leak Alarm Oct 2024
- Repair of Water Leak in Church Oct 2024
- Manse Tenancy Agreement Oct 2024
- Finger guards fitted to 6 doors Sept 2024
- Wall tiling below hand dryers Sept 2024
- Manse Bathroom - extractor fan & light fitted, end of bath and bath waste boxed in. –Sept 2024
- Manse Laminate replaced with sheet vinyl flooring . Moulded plastic cover added to cill. All by CT Property Services. Sept 2024
- Further items had been attended to in Manse;- rear garage door bracing replaced, coping to front wall repaired and upvc decking cleared of weeds. Trellis added to side of garage. Sept 2024
- Uneven garden paving MKCC contacted about tree roots with qualified surveyors report. Sept 2024
- Duty of care note from PHS (Sanitary Bin Collection) 28 Aug 2024
- GDT Serviced Fire Extinguishers 16 July 2024
- New Lawn Mower was purchased July 2024
- GARTEC Lift Service 27 July 2024
- DAC serviced Boilers in Manse and Church 26 June 2024
- Condition of Manse photos taken May 2024

Pastoral Ministry Group

We have a small group of Safeguarding qualified volunteers who provide a listening ear and a helping hand to those in the neighbourhood and in our congregation who need assistance or friendship.

Healing Prayer Ministry Group

Every Monday evening a small group of church members gather to pray for healing for those who are sick. We regularly keep in touch with the Christian Healing Mission and have had faith and prayer training from them in past years. We still maintain contact with them and enjoy online prayer times also with those who cannot travel to see us.

Home Groups

There are four main home groups, who usually meet on either Tuesday evening, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon or just recently, last year, an online group was started for those who find it difficult to travel in the evening or during the day time.

Home groups are a very good way to get to know each other and support one another as Christians. We learn more deeply about our faith and enjoy worshipping and praying together at these times. They provide an opportunity to re-examine what we heard on Sunday or to prepare for a future event.

Missions Supported

We are a congregation who are keen to share our blessings in the wider world and therefore, we support a number of world missions:

- Baptist Missionary Society
- FEBA Life giving media
- Tearfund
- Bridgebuilder Trust
- Mission Aviation Fellowship

Financial Review

Unrestricted funds

Although we currently have no ministerial stipend to pay, we still maintain a fund in readiness for a new minister, when the Lord allows. We have saved £100,000 in a fund specifically for his purpose and hope to maintain and add to it from time to time.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds consisted mainly of club subscriptions and running expenses.

Fixed Assets

We have laptops that are over ten years old that were donated to us for the purpose of helping with children's education. It is necessary to review to what extent these are still in use and how useful they are, bearing in mind that software has enhanced over the years.

We have an upgraded audio visual tech desk for services on Sunday that is used to amplify music and present words or scripture during services that can be recorded and up streamed for viewing by those who may not be able to attend services at the time they occur. This relies on our broadband which is currently provided by Daisy.

Liabilities: Baptist Pension Scheme

We regularly get messages from the Baptist Pension Scheme to advise when any changes are planned by government. We also receive information about how the funds are performing. To date we have received the February 2025 Regulatory Roundup giving news of (amongst other things) the changing landscape of pensions.

Risk Management

Towards the end of 2024 and at the start 2025 we reviewed our list of risks and how to manage them or prevent them altogether. Our administrator keeps this document filed and everyone has access to it upon request. Trustees and hirers are kept aware of health and safety regulations and actions needed to remain compliant to our policy and the policy of the Anglican and Baptist churches.

Quality and accuracy of financial information

We review our funds regularly to ensure that resources are managed effectively and efficiently without waste but with care and attention to the needs of those who use the building. Our trustees review the finances at every Trustee meeting and a finance report is present to each church meeting for members to enquire about proposed financial undertakings and to offer suggestions for improvements.

Adequacy of reserves:

Whilst giving has dropped slightly, our income from hiring out the meeting rooms has maintained a healthy balance and has increased slightly over the course of 2024.

Adequacy of insurance cover

We have maintained our insurance for the church building and up to the 25th March, also the Manse. The Manse has been occupied by a tenant for a few months during November 2024 up to the end of March 2025. Our insurers are assessing the premium for the building that has recently been vacated. Our insurance policy covers all of the usual risks and our policy documents are filed both on paper and e-format. We renew policies in the spring of each year.

Dependency on sources of income:

We rely on our regular givers and those who hire rooms for their functions. This pays our bills, maintains the building and keeps our employee safe.

Financial controls

We keep track of payments received or paid out. Our administrator communicates daily with the treasurer and finance team to advise when payments are expected or when outgoings are made using the payment card. Approval of payments are made promptly when appropriate or stopped if any amendments are needed.

Reference and Administrative Details

Name of Charity: Whaddon Way Church

Address: Beaverbrook Court, Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7JS

Charity Reference number: 1144502

Minister: vacant

Trustees: Georgy Holden (Chair of Trustees)
Christ Hayter (PCC rep., St Mary's, Bletchley)
(from here, alpha order of surname) Adey Daniel-Ogunnaike (Hospitality)
Sheraya Fourie (Communications)
Rita James (Treasurer)
Sue North (Children's ministry)
Paul Ormrod (Maintenance & Infrastructure)
Rebekah Taylor (PCC rep and Pastoral)

Bankers: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue
West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner: Louise Tunley, Monico Tunley Ltd
19 Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3JY

Insurers: Baptist Insurance Company plc
Beaufort House, Brunswick Road
Gloucester, GL1 1JZ

Charity Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Whaddon Way Church is a single congregational Anglican/Baptist LEP. Its area of ministry is primarily within the parish of St Mary's, Bletchley.

Governance and Management

A constitution was adopted in October 2011 and entered in the Register of Charities with the Charity Commission on 2nd November 2011. Subsequently, small revisions were made to provide for additional trustees and methods of appointment of a Minister and Trustees. The constitution provides for two Trustees to be appointed from St Mary's Church, to reflect the fact that Whaddon Way Church is an LEP.

The constitution articulates how the church will ensure that the Trustees carry the ultimate legal responsibilities for decision-making whilst the church meeting continues to provide a vehicle for all members to vote on matters that require decision making by the membership.

Whaddon Way Church – officers from May 2024

Statutory Office Holders

Minister	Peter Landry – up to August 2024
Treasurer	Rita James
Accounts Examiner	Louise Tunley
Church Warden	vacant
DBS Verifier	Kathy Scarborough
Safeguarding Officers	Rita James
Health and Safety Officer	Fiona Davis

Group Leaders

Sunday Service	
Overseas and Home Missions Support	Jane Entwistle
Maintenance & Infrastructure (building)	Paul Ormrod
Children & Youth	Sue North
Communications	Sheraya Fourie
Community Engagement	Sue Gibbs
Pastoral & Prayer	Sue Gibbs / Kathy Scarborough
Finance	Rita James, David Miller, John Heycock Mercy Adai-Dufie
Lettings	Kathy Scarborough
Grant Applications	Pat Thomas
Environment Group	Kathy Scarborough

Post Holders

Administrator	Ruth Cooling
Copyright Recorder	Mike Fourie
Care Line Co-ordinator	Joy Arnold
Technical Manager	Mike Fourie
Catering	Edith Adebisi
Music Co-ordinator	Les Smith
Deanery Synod Rep	Mike Fourie
Mission Partnership Rep	Linda Winstanley
Authorised registrar for Marriages	Joy Arnold
Deputy authorised registrar.	Jane Entwistle



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01-Jan-24

To

31-Dec-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	-	65.00	-	65.00	3.59
Standing orders	46,466.00	-	-	46,466.00	47,479.00
Donations	9,252.88	240.64	-	9,493.52	10,021.83
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	4,250.00
Gift Aid and GASDS	12,416.51	36.25	-	12,452.76	12,475.19
Venue hire	11,051.67	-	-	11,051.67	8,151.82
Collections for other causes	-	-	-	-	1,224.88
Other income	8,798.52	3,608.60	-	12,407.12	8,609.90
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	87,985.58	3,950.49	-	91,936.07	92,216.21
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	87,985.58	3,950.49	-	91,936.07	92,216.21
A3 Payments					
Salaries and employment costs	11,285.79	-	-	11,285.79	10,810.01
Ministry costs	8,821.24	2,241.80	-	11,063.04	15,194.79
Grants	9,524.00	375.00	-	9,899.00	11,265.66
Admin and office costs	3,692.55	-	-	3,692.55	5,446.11
Insurance	2,612.23	-	-	2,612.23	2,251.63
Energy and water costs	8,644.54	-	-	8,644.54	6,876.31
Major projects	-	-	-	-	3,157.04
Other premises costs	13,934.65	-	-	13,934.65	22,106.05
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	58,515.00	2,616.80	-	61,131.80	77,107.60
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan repayments - capital	-	-	-	-	-
Loans converted to gifts	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	58,515.00	2,616.80	-	61,131.80	77,107.60
Net of receipts/(payments)	29,470.58	1,333.69	-	30,804.27	15,108.61
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	165,376.93	6,688.26	-	172,065.19	156,956.58
Cash funds this year end	194,847.51	8,021.95	-	202,869.46	172,065.19

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Main Account	8,240.07	8,021.95	
	CAF General Account	53,160.56		
	BU 3-month notice Account	133,401.68		
	Petty Cash	45.20		
	Total cash funds	194,847.51	8,021.95	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church Building (Insurance value)	General	-	1,620,365
	Manse (Insurance value)	General	-	
	Church furniture	General	-	-
	Office equipment	General	-	-
	Kitchen equipment	General	-	-
	Musical instruments	General	-	-
	Sound and projection equipment	General	-	-
				-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Rita James	4th April 2025

Whaddon Way Church

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Whaddon Way Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 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 charity's accounts 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Louise Tunley

Louise Tunley FCA CTA DChA
Chartered Accountant

Monico Tunley Limited
19 Goldington Road
Bedford
MK40 3JY

Date: 4 April 2025

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Minister's Report

“Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thess. 5:16-18.

In the outset of 2023, we made a heartfelt decision to embrace a theme of 'thrive' for the year ahead. Having spent the past few years in survival mode, merely keeping the metaphorical ship of WWC afloat, we sensed a shift in the winds. Armed with a renewed vision, mission, and a steadily growing congregation, it was time to unfurl our sails and chart a course wherever the Spirit might lead us. And what an exhilarating journey it turned out to be!

Throughout the year, we were privileged to witness extraordinary movements of the Spirit, as God worked in, through, and around us. Undoubtedly, the voyage was challenging, but in hindsight, we can appreciate just how far we've come. Here are a few highlights:

Growth

- Our groups and ministry teams experienced remarkable expansion in both numbers and influence. Just take a look at the vibrant diversity among our preaching and reading teams!
- Sunday service attendance in 2023 saw a significant surge compared to the previous year, and our mid-week activities now engage with around 400 individuals weekly.
- We're thrilled to observe our efforts gradually reflecting the diverse demographics of West Bletchley.

Community Service

- Our community engagement group operated at full throttle throughout the year.
- We've established regular interactions with six local schools and two care homes, fostering invaluable connections.
- Cold Harbour has recognized us as their partner church, collaborating on various seasonal services and events.
- From lively pancake rallies to heartwarming Christmas concerts, our community events left a lasting impact.
- Operational Overhaul:
- The tireless efforts of our operations team in 2023 can only be described as miraculous. Among their accomplishments:
- Launching a sleek new website.

- Updating and implementing legally compliant safeguarding and health and safety protocols across all WWC structures.
- Streamlining communications and operations through two centralised platforms.
- Restructuring our trustee setup to enhance communication and accountability.
- Submitting a comprehensive Development Fund bid to empower youth, children, and families ministry across Milton Keynes.
- Laying the groundwork for licensing a full-time minister by 2024.

While these achievements may not make headlines, they lay the groundwork for effective mission and ministry in the years ahead.

Yet, like any sea voyage, we encountered storms and choppy waters. But it's in facing these challenges together that our bonds are strengthened, our capacities tested, and our unity forged.

Development Grant Bid

We received disappointing news at the end of 2023 regarding our bid for a full-time youth and children's worker. Yet, in this setback lies an opportunity for unified prayer and recalibration as we strive to better serve the young hearts in our community.

Capacity

While Christmas at WWC was a resounding success, it revealed our overreliance on key volunteers. Moving forward, we must ensure responsibilities are distributed more evenly among our membership, preventing exhaustion and fostering a sense of shared ownership.

As we navigate the seas ahead, let us remember that it's not just about reaching our destination, but about the journey itself – united in purpose, strengthened by faith, and anchored in love.

As we reflect on the Spirit-filled year we've experienced at WWC, let's rejoice in all that God has accomplished within us, through us, and around us. Let's cultivate a spirit of continual prayer, whether we're navigating through challenging storms or enjoying peaceful seas. And in every circumstance, past, present, and future, let's give thanks to God, for this is His will for us in Christ Jesus. Thank you all for being part of this incredible journey. Here's to embracing the joy of the Lord, maintaining a spirit of prayerfulness, and offering thanks in all things.

Rev. Peter Landry

Trustees' Report

The past year has seen big changes within the team of trustees – people have stepped down from Trustees and others have been appointed. We would like to thank Kathy Scarborough for all that she did as Chair of Trustees up until April 2023 when she stepped down from her Trustee role. This role went to Georgy Holden who agreed to take up duties as Chair of Trustees.

We also thank David Miller for being a trustee and, for many years, our treasurer. He stepped down from Trustees at the April 2023 A.G.M. and from being treasurer at the end of December 2023. He kindly agreed to continue working on the financial books along with Rita James who took the treasurer role from January 2024. The finance team also welcomed John Heycock and Mercy Addai-Dufie, who bring additional skills and experience to the team.

Thanks also go to Philip Bates, who was a trustee up until the April 2023 A.G.M. He was a real asset to the trustee team and could always be relied on to ask the challenging questions to keep us on the right path.

In the place of those standing down we were delighted to welcome Adey Daniel-Ogunnaike and Paul Ormrod to the trustee team. Each brings different skills and experience and their talents are much needed in the team. We are very pleased to have them working and serving with us.

In August we held a trustees' away day to focus on a proposed new management structure and the Trustees' individual areas of responsibility within this. The day was also attended by Chris Hayter, a member of the St Mary's Bletchley PCC, who was invited for her spiritual wisdom and prophetic gifting. The new structure has now been implemented and is working well. The areas of responsibility are as follows:

Rev. Peter Landry	Mission and ministry
Sheraya Fourie	Communications
Georgy Holden	Organisation and administration
Rita James	Finance
Paul Ormrod	Building and Maintenance
Adeyinka Daniel-Ogunnaike	Hospitality
Sue North	Children's work

At the Ordinary Church Meeting in October 2023, it was agreed that Chris Hayter would join the trustees as a non-voting representative from St Mary's in a reciprocal arrangement with St Mary's.

Following agreement from the OCM a small card-reader was purchased and installed, in addition to the giving box, to enable church members and visitors to make donations by contactless card or mobile phone, if they wish. It has been slow to gain traction but it offers an alternative way of giving for a relatively small outlay.

Over several months in 2023, a team of church members worked on an application to the Diocese for a development grant. The funds applied for were to support the role of Pioneer Minister, and to employ a Children's and Youth Worker. Members of the

large team were chosen for their diverse and high skill levels. The team worked on the application to ensure every question was comprehensively addressed. The work started towards the end of July and continued until submission in the middle of October. A prayer group met regularly, devoted to praying for the work throughout the process.

Rev. Peter Landry, worked hard on the document and liaised with mentors at the Diocese to ensure that the document being produced was correct and missed nothing. Despite reassurances throughout the process that the application would succeed, ultimately it was unsuccessful which was a great disappointment to the trustees and the wider church.

Administrator's Report

A particular focus of work in 2023 was health and safety and putting policies in place. The following have been achieved.

- Professional Fire Safety Risk Assessment carried out on Church property
- Weekly Fire Alarm Testing Implemented
- Weekly General Fire Safety Checks implemented
- Monthly Emergency Lighting Tests implemented
- Fire Evacuation Grab Bag with legally required fire documents and fire evacuation equipment installed in the Foyer
- Fire Log electronically scanned and saved offsite (on the cloud)
- Extra Fire Safety Notices installed to conform to current legislation
- Smoke detector fitted in Church Office by CODRUS
- Fire Evacuation Policy and Procedure Implemented
- Fire Evacuation Training for Church stewards and ministry leaders
- Regular fire drills implemented for Church services and outreach groups
- Fire load reduced in the building
- First Aid Kits updated to conform to current legislation
- Large First Aid Kit installed in Foyer
- Team leads First Aid Trained to conform to current legislation
- Safeguarding training refreshed
- Safeguarding Policy and Procedures updated. A full copy is available for everyone in the Foyer.
- Church Activity Risk Assessments carried out
- The Audio Intercom System was repaired to improve building security
- Rolling programme of PAT testing restarted
- Finger Guards added to doors
- Locked filing cabinets installed in the Church Office to comply with GDPR
- Church Office files audited for GDPR. Date expired data destroyed.
- System of recycling implemented in the Church
- Free recycling and Waste collection arranged with Suez via the Council
- Gas boilers serviced

Outreach Ministries

Noah's Ark

Numbers at Noah's Ark are slightly down this year with an average of 10 pre-school children each week during term time. 4 are toddlers/babies. There is no charge. The parents/carers stay with the children all the way through the session. Provided each week in the main hall are a range of activities that are suitable for the age range. Before the youngsters have their snack time they all wash their hands. Their snacks are always healthy and very much enjoyed. During this time a short story and nursery rhymes are led by a leader. Although we have a rota, more helpers would ease the workload as if one or two people are absent the team left are very stretched.

Leaders at the present time are Keith Gibbs, Sue Gibbs, Linda Winstanley, Joy Arnold, Ann Ormrod, Angela Miller.

Café on the Way

This is a free after school drop-in held every Friday afternoon from 3pm – 5pm during term time. It is attended mainly by up to 35 students from the nearby secondary school who can play board and other games, table tennis; table football, wi-i ; Nintendo and puzzles . The qualified Youth Leader, Marco Loxley, is paid by the Church and is very popular with the teens. Two church members who have been youth leaders for many years help. Marco and two ex-students help set up and also help clear away at the end of the session. It would be good to have two volunteers come to church at 5pm to help lay out chairs for the Sunday Worship or set up from 2pm. There are some vulnerable young people that come; some have autism or ADHD. At times these young people can be difficult but we lovingly welcome them. Café on the Way is a safe place to be. The kitchen is a busy place overseen by the female leader with a rotation of three students serving hot chocolate drinks, toast squash and biscuits.

Pebblestones

Pebblestones has been running for over 20 years, seeing children from age 6 plus to 12, emerging from hating school, with poor self-esteem, to a position, for **many of them** arising out of the ashes and becoming upset when they are informed by parents that tomorrow is a 'baker' day.

Before lockdown, we had 12 children, with a waiting list of a further 12. Since then, numbers have been down with 5 children attending regularly; however, it is

anticipated that an additional 4 children will join the group after the Easter break. In addition, three children are supported online, due to reluctance to attend the class or too far away to attend in person.

Teaching is carried out with a structured programme, which includes English and some maths. We endeavour to ensure interaction between the child's school so that input can be adjusted to suit the learning needs of the child.

We are blessed with the support of Jenny, who spends time with each child developing their reading skills, and when she is unable to attend, to say the children are not happy is an understatement.

We would like to publicise the work more widely to help more children and welcome suggestions about how to achieve this. Unfortunately, West Bletchley Council have refused permission for us to advertise in Open Doors due to it taking place in a church.

Livingstones has been operational since 1996; however, it is now run on a 1-2-1 format, with three adults from the church attending.

We thank the Lord for His mercy in providing the patience and wisdom to support the children and for the continued prayers from the church.

Time for You

At the present time we have 50 people on the register but usually we have an average attendance of 40 adults averaging 75 years each week. There is a charge of £2.00 to enter. This money helps with gifts when everyone throughout the year has a birthday. The money also goes towards activities. There is also £1.00 towards refreshments. Many of our members attend Whaddon Way Church, some from other churches and more and more from the local community. The overall leader enjoys leading Christmas & Easter services. They enjoy the varied programme which includes speakers, outings, keep fit sessions, board games, trip to the seaside and going to the local garden centres. We have a very good team of leaders whose names follow – Sue Gibbs, Pat Morgan, Monica Loveland, Kathy Senior, Derek Bignell, Richard Dayton, Tony & Thelma Warner.

Winter Night Shelter

Last winter (2022-23) the Church joined some 12 other church venues by providing overnight accommodation, hot evening meals and breakfasts for up to 7 homeless adults every Sunday evening / Monday morning. The other nights were covered by other venues, on a rota basis. Numbers were restricted because of the Covid 19 risk.

Similarly, we are due to accommodate up to 15 homeless adults between the beginning of December 2023 and Easter 2024 but only every other week. We have had maximum numbers most weeks this season despite a good number being moved into housing and/or employment. We were blessed to have valuable help from volunteers from other churches and none but organising is quite demanding despite the main role being played by paid staff at UnityMK.

Environmental Group

The Environment Group has 11 members and volunteers with Kathy Scarborough as Chair.

We have been looking at gaining EcoChurch status and also plan to encourage people to check their Carbon Footprints with a view to improving our green use as a church and as individuals. This is a new group and is in the planning stage but new ideas are flowing in and much can be accomplished in the future. Meanwhile, members are attending meetings of interchurch environment groups and we are learning of new initiatives.

Other Outreach Activities

Tearfund Quiz – very popular for drawing in people who do not come to Church. It is also a fundraiser.

Pancake event – a team of church folks made pancakes to hand out to students coming out of school and local folks walking by the church. Handouts were also given inviting passersby to church events.

Hot cross buns. Last Easter buns with information about church activities were handed out at two local shopping areas.

Local Carnival – Every year in July we hire a pitch to set up a gazebo promoting Church activities.

Church Picnic- Last summer Church members were joined by a number of families (mainly from Noah's Ark) in a picnic on the green outside the church.

Children's and Young People's Church

We have had a good year with an addition of three more children this makes our number on the register up to ten.

They do not all come every week, but we average four/five most weeks.

The children have taken part in reading and praying in church which they enjoy doing along with joining in the children's song

every Sunday. They also enjoyed taking part in the Nativity.

I would like to thank all those adults who help on a rota system. If any more of you would like to help please come and see me

I am in church most weeks. Please do remember the children and the helpers in your prayers.

Sue North

Trustee, Children's Church leader

Maintenance and Infrastructure Group

Team Members for 2023:

Paul & Ann Ormrod, Wyndham Daniels, Keith Gibbs, David Arnold, Ken Pitkethly, Brian Fox, and Peter Landry.

After a somewhat slow start, the MIG team of 2023 became a hive of activity, marked by significant transformations. Following the previous AGM, Paul and Ann Ormrod assumed the roles of co-chairs, injecting fresh energy into our operations. In their initial six months, they spearheaded the revival of regular team gatherings, streamlined building maintenance processes, delegated tasks to enable MIG members to tackle diverse projects, and facilitated crucial building endeavours. However, with the adoption of a portfolio-based oversight structure by the Trustees, and Paul Ormrod's assignment to oversee the building portfolio encompassing lettings, MIG, and church-related ministries, a potential conflict of interest arose, prompting the nomination of Peter Landry as the temporary chair of the MIG team.

Throughout the remainder of 2023, our MIG team maintained its momentum, diligently convening and focusing on identifying pivotal building development projects, crafting timelines and budgets, and strategizing ways to deepen our connection with God, each other, and the broader community.

Some achievements of the MIG team in 2023 include:

- Replacing blown double-glazed windows in the manse.
- Upgrading and repairing blinds in the main hall, church office, and room 3.
- Servicing the boilers.
- Addressing a burst pipe in the manse.
- Conducting PAT testing on all electrical devices within the church premises.
- Establishing free recycling, green waste, and regular waste disposal systems through council arrangements.
- Installing finger guards on various doors on the first floor.
- Enhancing security and smoke alarm systems to comply with national health and safety regulations.
- Upgrading projectors in the main hall.
- Implementing safer and more accessible systems around the chemical storage cupboard.
- Adding a new filing cabinet to the church office.

As our church building remains integral to our vision and mission, we aim to diversify the MIG team in 2024. We are seeking individuals with expertise in administration, design, IT, electrical work, plumbing, construction, and availability for opening and closing the church premises after lettings. If you're interested in contributing to this dynamic team, please reach out to Peter Landry at peter.landry@whaddonway.church.

Pastoral Ministry Group

Team members for 2023:

Rebekah Taylor, Joy Arnold, Paul Ormrod, Beryl Lodge, Sue Gibbs, Kathy Scarborough, Rita James & Peter Landry.

Amidst an ageing congregation and a blossoming online church community, nurturing pastoral care remains a cornerstone of our faith journey at WWCC. In a socio-economically disadvantaged area, it's not just a service; it's a vital expression of our commitment to embodying the Gospel message of Jesus in our daily lives. Yet, despite its significance, pastoral care remains one of the most underserved ministries within our church.

Though our team welcomed two new members in 2023 and extended our pastoral care offerings, we're acutely aware that the demand far exceeds our capacity. We've made strides, but there's still so much ground to cover within our congregation and the wider community.

In 2023, our pastoral care efforts manifested in various forms:

- Offering pastoral prayers during and after church services, as well as on Monday evenings at WWCC.
- Extending home visits, including the provision of home communion.
- Hosting monthly communion services at Bletchley House Aged Care.
- Establishing a temporary pastoral phone call chain.
- Providing pastoral meals.
- Utilising the fellowship fund to support those in need.
- Fostering connection through Home Groups.

Despite our best efforts, securing a volunteer leader for this group proved challenging in 2023. However, as we chart our course for 2024, we're exploring new avenues to strengthen our pastoral care initiatives. We're considering dividing responsibilities into three distinct roles:

- Administrative Coordinator: overseeing safeguarding and operations.
- Pastoral Group Coordinator: nurturing volunteer engagement and ministry development.
- Ministry Coordinator: leading the charge in providing direct pastoral care.

Rest assured, training will be provided for all roles. If you feel called to join us in this vital endeavour, please don't hesitate to reach out to Peter Landry at peter.landry@whaddonway.church. Your involvement could make a world of difference to those in need of care and compassion.

Healing Prayer Ministry Group

The team consists of six people: Edith Adebiyi, Joy Arnold, Sue Gibbs, Rita James, Kathy Scarborough and Sheila Wilson (from Servant King church).

The team meets every Monday evening for healing prayers. Zoom is available for those who cannot be present in person. We invite people who need prayer to come for focused prayer when two team members pray with the person who requests prayer whilst the others pray for a list of other people, some of whom are referred to us by email from the Christian Healing Mission.

Over the past twelve months we praise God for His blessings and answered prayers for many who have received healing. Lately we have had the honour of being asked to pray for some very serious matters for individuals who have come forward for prayer by recommendation from other sources. The Lord has been good to us throughout and given us faith to continue.

A few people for whom we have prayed will report back to praise God for healing. One exceptional individual has given talks to Whaddon Way Church about her own experiences, having made TV broadcasts and written books about it. We thank our God for doing what He does.

We pray that the Lord would bless us with continuing and strengthened faith so that we shall move mountains, in Jesus' name.

Home Groups

Buckingham Road

We have generally met at the two most senior members' house, every Tuesday evening between 7.00pm and 8.30pm during term time. We discuss issues raised by the week's sermon, pray and share our life situations. Numbers have varied between 3 and 9. We have an age range from 90s to two under 9's year olds. The children have contributed considerably with insights and Bible readings. Parental work and illness issues have often prevented us from meeting but we are hoping to arrange some social activities.

Melrose Home Group

Tuesday evenings: 7.30-9.00pm at Whaddon Way Church Centre.

The Melrose Home Group is run jointly by Kathy Scarborough and Ken Pitkethly. There are currently 8 members and we study the previous week's sermon and learn more about Jesus through discussion and prayer. We find support and love for each other within the group. We would welcome new members into this Group.

Wednesday Afternoon (previously Newton Longville)

Meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 2pm at Whaddon Way Church Centre.

Led by David, Joy, John or Sue. This group used to meet at Newton Longville but have decided that the church was conveniently located for everyone to travel to on a Wednesday afternoon.

Furzton Home Group

Meeting every Tuesday evening between 7.30-9.00pm.

This group meets in Furzton and is led by Sue and Les Smith.

Furzton house-group has had a very enjoyable year. We regularly have up to 10 attendees, and have enjoyed discussing the subject matter from Sunday sermons aided by questions provided by preachers.

Our meetings also involve some singing, and it has been good to spend some time in prayer for issues including whole church related subjects, and personal matters. We have also had the occasional social evening.

Les & Sue.

Missions Supported

Whaddon Way Church supports through prayer and financial giving the organisations below, developing relationships with partners engaged in mission in the UK and overseas.

Uganda

WWC is committed to pray for a Christian community in Luuka in Uganda and to explore how to take forward means of improving access to fresh water in the area.

Baptist Missionary Society (BMS World Mission)

WWC continues to support this society in its work, specifically through links with three partners working in Peru. The church received a visit from one of the partners, Laura Lee-Lovering, which focused on her work as Environment Stewardship Co-ordinator with BMS.

FEBA Life giving media

WWC is a long term financial supporter of this mission, which works through radio and other audio media to inspire people to follow Jesus Christ, with a particular focus on the world's least reached, and hardest to reach people groups, across Africa, Asia and the Middle East

Tearfund

WWC promotes the work of Tear Fund, a Christian charity which seeks to improve the lives of those living in poverty, and responds to crises and natural disasters around the world; and campaigns on climate change and its effects. In 2023 WWC joined in the Big Quiz night event to raise funds for the charity

Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust (MKBT)

WWC supports MKBT, a Christian organisation which works with schools in Milton Keynes to support spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development and understanding of the Christian faith. In 2023 WWC hosted events with Bridgebuilder (Christmas Cracked and Easter Cracked), welcoming hundreds of local school children at the church.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

WWC is a long term supporter of the work of MAF, the world's largest humanitarian air operator, enabling organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief and help for development to many countries.

In 2023 after a successful visit from two missionaries working in South Sudan, WWC agreed to form an official partnership to support them in their work.

Financial Review

Unrestricted funds

Regular donations have increased by 14% over the year of 2022. Total income reached £83,657 at the end of the year 2023 compared to 2022 which was £70,657. Whaddon Way Church received a donation of £4,250 as our share of the distribution of monies following the closure of Drayton Parslow Baptist Church.

Expenditure in 2023 was £62,236, slightly above the budget of £60,794. The surplus at the end of 2023 is £21,421 (compared to 2022 which was £22,148).

Throughout the year of 2023 there have been significant sums set aside for the Anglican Pioneer minister. The fund grew from a starting figure of £10k to around £46k at the end of December 2023. This is a designated fund set aside for contribution towards the stipend of the Pioneer Minister (Priest in Charge) which we are expecting to have to pay for from mid-2024.

The Mursley Fund which supports Café-on-the-Way activities (another fund) started 2023 at a level of just over £58k and ended the year at approximately £53k.

Restricted Funds

Winter Night Shelter (WNS) activities started again in early December 2022 and continued up to the end of March 2023. This is a small fund with food and laundry costs this season. The intervals between WNS nights is fortnightly rather than weekly this year. The fund value stood at just over £1,000 at the end of December 2023.

We used part of a grant received from St Mary's Bletchley in 2022 to pay for development of a new website.

Other restricted fund receipts and payments consisted mostly of club subscriptions and running expenses.

Fixed Assets

Money has been spent on new carpets, lighting and technical equipment in the main hall. In the office, the administrator has had minor adjustments to windows and a new laptop to replace an old pc.

Risk Management

- Safeguarding policies have been updated.
- Buildings and Public Liability Insurances have been kept up to date.

- The Fire Safety inspections took place during the summer of 2023. We had a fire drill and a procedure is now in place to ensure safety of everyone in the building.
- There have also been training sessions for a few church members in case there is a health emergency.

Quality and accuracy of financial information

The accounts are updated as transactions occur. Every month the accounting records are reconciled with the bank accounts, and total fund values are reconciled with these. A summary report is provided to Trustees prior to each Trustees' meeting and a more detailed report at the end of each quarter.

Adequacy of reserves

We have sufficient reserves to fund a Pioneer Minister for about three years by which time we hope to have grown in membership and income.

We had been led to believe that our contribution would be on a tapered basis. This turned out to have been dependent upon our success in securing funds via the grant application. Since this was not successful, we shall have to reconsider a new longer term budget.

Adequacy of insurance cover

It is likely that the building is due another review by our insurers as the last assessment was in 2018. Insurance cover has been increased in line with inflation each year since that assessment.

Dependency on sources of income

Our latest members have integrated well as members of Whaddon Way Church and we are blessed to have an increased amount of giving from a larger number of donors than previously.

Financial controls

The financial controls were fully reviewed by Trustees in their meeting of 22nd March 2023.

Reference and Administrative Details

Name of Charity:	Whaddon Way Church
Address:	Beaverbrook Court, Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7JS
Charity Reference number:	1144502
Minister:	Rev. Peter Landry
Trustees:	Georgy Holden (Chair of Trustees) Chris Hayter (PCC rep., St Mary's, Bletchley) Adey Daniel-Ogunnaike Sue North Sheraya Fourie Paul Ormrod Rita James Rev. Peter Landry
Bankers:	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
Independent Examiner:	Louise Tunley, Steve Monico Ltd 19 Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3JY
Insurers:	Baptist Insurance Company plc Beaufort House, Brunswick Road Gloucester, GL1 1JZ

Charity Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Whaddon Way Church is a single congregational Anglican/Baptist LEP. Its area of ministry is primarily within the parish of St Mary's, Bletchley.

Governance and Management

A constitution was adopted in October 2011 and entered in the Register of Charities with the Charity Commission on 2nd November 2011. Subsequently, small revisions were made to provide for additional trustees and methods of appointment of a Minister and Trustees. The constitution provides for two Trustees to be appointed from St Mary's Church, to reflect the fact that Whaddon Way Church is an LEP.

The constitution articulates how the church will ensure that the Trustees carry the ultimate legal responsibilities for decision-making whilst the church meeting continues to provide a vehicle for all members to vote on matters that require decision making by the membership.

Whaddon Way Church – officers from May 2023

Statutory Office Holders

Minister	Peter Landry
Treasurer	Rita James
Accounts Examiner	Louise Tunley
Church Warden	vacant
DBS Verifier	Kathy Scarborough
Safeguarding Officers	Megan Landry / Rita James
Health and Safety Officer	Fiona Davis

Group Leaders

Sunday Service	
Overseas and Home Missions Support	Jane Entwistle
Maintenance & Infrastructure (building)	Paul Ormrod
Children & Youth	Sue North
Communications	Sheraya Fourie
Community Engagement	Sue Gibbs
Pastoral & Prayer	Sue Gibbs / Kathy Scarborough
Finance	Rita James / David Miller
Lettings	Keith Gibbs
Grant Applications	Pat Thomas
Environment Group	Kathy Scarborough

Post Holders

Administrator	Ruth Cooling
Copyright Recorder	Michael Fourie
Care Line Co-ordinator	Joy Arnold
Technical Manager	Michael Fourie
Catering	Edith Adebisi
Music Co-ordinator	Les Smith
Deanery Synod Rep	Michael Fourie
Mission Partnership Rep	Linda Winstanley
Authorised registrar for Marriages	Joy Arnold & Revd. Peter Landry
Deputy authorised registrar.	Jane Entwistle



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whaddon Way Church

1144502

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Jan-23

To

31-Dec-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	-	3.59	-	3.59	22.00
Standing orders	47,479.00	-	-	47,479.00	41,940.00
Donations	9,177.72	844.11	-	10,021.83	10,094.18
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	4,250.00	-	-	4,250.00	5,000.00
Gift Aid and GASDS	12,475.19	-	-	12,475.19	10,246.96
Venue hire	8,151.82	-	-	8,151.82	9,639.13
Collections for other causes	-	1,224.88	-	1,224.88	501.38
Other income	5,474.59	3,135.31	-	8,609.90	3,535.71
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	87,008.32	5,207.89	-	92,216.21	80,979.36
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	87,008.32	5,207.89	-	92,216.21	80,979.36
A3 Payments					
Salaries and employment costs	10,810.01	-	-	10,810.01	8,443.68
Ministry costs	11,091.66	4,103.13	-	15,194.79	9,379.67
Grants	9,616.00	1,649.66	-	11,265.66	12,190.60
Admin and office costs	5,446.11	-	-	5,446.11	3,178.56
Insurance	2,251.63	-	-	2,251.63	1,974.71
Energy and water costs	6,876.31	-	-	6,876.31	4,298.30
Major projects	3,157.04	-	-	3,157.04	6,085.00
Other premises costs	20,721.08	1,384.97	-	22,106.05	13,113.34
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,969.84	7,137.76	-	77,107.60	58,663.86
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan repayments - capital	-	-	-	-	-
Loans converted to gifts	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	69,969.84	7,137.76	-	77,107.60	58,663.86
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,038.48	- 1,929.87	-	15,108.61	22,315.50
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	148,338.45	8,618.13	-	156,956.58	134,641.08
Cash funds this year end	165,376.93	6,688.26	-	172,065.19	156,956.58

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Main Account	20,758.31	2,873.87	
	CAF General Account	12,284.45		
	CAF Building Account	4,306.45		
	BU 3-month notice Account	127,860.60		
	Petty Cash	167.12		
	CAF Account - WBCP		3,814.39	
	Total cash funds		165,376.93	6,688.26
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church Building (Insurance value)	General	-	1,573,166
	Manse (Insurance value)	General	-	353,700
	Church furniture	General	-	-
	Office equipment	General	-	-
	Kitchen equipment	General	-	-
	Musical instruments	General	-	-
	Sound and projection equipment	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		G Holden	11.04.2024

Whaddon Way Church

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Whaddon Way Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 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 charity's accounts 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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.

Louise Tunley

Louise Tunley FCA CTA DChA
Chartered Accountant

Monico Tunley Limited
19 Goldington Road
Bedford
MK40 3JY

Date: 10 April 2024

WHADDON WAY CHURCH (ANGLICAN/BAPTIST)

England & Wales - Charity number 1144502

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Minister's Report

The last twelve months at Whaddon Way Church have been nothing short of epic. We have had some soaring highs; immense spiritual, numerical, and financial growth; the flourishing and development of our Community Engagement Group; regular and developing partnerships with surrounding schools; a steady influx of younger churchgoers; and the development and take-up of multiple thriving discipleship structures. We have also experienced lows; the loss of loved ones and members of our church family; a period without a church administrator; and ongoing capacity-based barriers.

After the Whaddon Way and St Mary's congregations merged in February last year, we underwent a time of prayer and collaborative reflection on who we feel God is calling us to be as a new congregation. During this time, we identified three areas that we wanted to focus on in 2022/23.

These were:

1. Unity: Growing together as a single congregation, united in the Holy Spirit and using our diverse history and faith expressions to discern who God is calling us to be.
2. Healing: healing relationships with each other and our surrounding community and creating a safe environment for us to heal from the traumas of the past church split, the recent pandemic, and the grafting of congregations.
3. Vision: Trying to answer the questions, who is God calling us to be, and how can we become that church?

Reflecting on these three points, I am in awe of the work that God has been doing in and through us as individuals and a faith community. If one was to walk into Whaddon Way Church Centre on any given Sunday morning, or during the week, they would see how much we have grown in the first two points. We are no longer 'Whaddon Way', 'St Mary's' or 'new people', but Whaddon Way Church. The feeling of hospitality and Spirit of welcome is tangible. While we need to remain intentional in creating unity and facilitating healing, God is on the move, and we are firmly strapped in for the ride.

Going forward, our vision, we feel that God is calling us to be a metaphorical lighthouse in Whaddon Way: Guiding ANYONE to the safe harbour that is life in Christ. We envision achieving this through an Inward, Upward and Outward Focus for 2023/24:

Inward: Creating an environment where people of different emotional, spiritual, and physical needs might encounter Jesus, be transformed into the people that they were created to be (as a result empowering us to be transformed along with them) and find a place where they can belong and participate in faith and life.

Upward: Growing together, as a diverse and growing faith community, in our knowledge and love of God. Allowing the reality of God at work in our community and society to define the way that we practically express our faith. Bonded in faith and united in prayer.

Outward: Creating an intentional culture of outward-focussed living. To us worship is more than singing songs of praise, it is practically demonstrating and advocating for God's characteristics of love, inclusivity, justice, compassion, and grace. We want to be intentional about being the image of God within our areas of influence so that the seeds of God's kingdom might be sown. We are passionate about relational evangelism.

In 2023/4, we will have multiple ministries and events to enable the above vision and mission. These have not been listed, however, as the only way that we will achieve this vision is if the entire church body is living out their unique calling within our communal identity. So, for this year, please allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in how you participate in Whaddon Way Church; if it is to rest and heal, allow us to love you; if it is to take a break from attending on a Sunday, please don't disconnect, but rather find a home group or ministry group to attend; if it is to challenge yourself, why not try something new that makes you uncomfortable; or if it is to lead, why not speak to me and we can figure that out together. Let us strive for unity in love, to be constant students of Jesus (disciples), allow the Holy Spirit to continue its work in and through us, and pray continuously.

Rev. Peter Landry

Trustee's Report

In 2022 the elected trustees were Kathy Scarborough (Chair), David Miller (Finance), Rita James (Assistant Finance), Sheraya Fourie (Secretary), Phil Bates, Sue North, Georgy Holden. Peter Landry as Minister is automatically a trustee. Geoff Hamilton was a trustee until October 2022. The trustees meet regularly to oversee the work of the church, to discuss matters affecting the church and prepare agendas for Church Meetings.

The new members of the Trustee Group have successfully merged with the existing Trustees. The trustees are delighted that, after 2 years of Covid, the church is being revitalized as people have returned and new members have joined the congregation. The trustees have planned new ways of doing church in light of lessons learned about the use of technology in church after lockdown.

At the AGM three members of the Trustees will be standing down and the Trustees are seeking new members who would be prepared to step up to be part of this team carrying out this vital work of Church governance.

This report shows some of the many activities at Whaddon Way, many of which reach out and provide benefit to the local community. The church building also hosts many external organisations working in the community on a regular basis.

The trustees are pleased to report that the number of church members at the end of 2022 was 66 and this number is rising.

Kathy Scarborough

Outreach Ministries

Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark – runs weekly during term time. Our records at present show we have 12 preschool children and 4 babies/toddlers. There is no charge. WWC is a safe place for mums/dads/carers and their babies/toddlers/children. There are loads of activities. All enjoy the snack, story and song time. We have leaders that help out with setting up and down, in the kitchen and more importantly mingling with adults and children. Keith draws up a rota of helpers. We would like more volunteers so that we could have a two week rota of helpers. Those that help at the moment are Keith and Sue Gibbs, Angela Miller, Linda Winstanley, Ann Ormrod & Joy Arnold

Cafe on the Way (Pulse)

Café on the Way has one paid Youth Worker – Marco Loxley and two volunteers – Sue & Keith Gibbs. Sue & Keith would like more volunteers so that they could be involved with this very important work on a fortnightly basis. Or even people to help set up (2pm) and clear away (5pm) including putting out chairs ready for Sunday worship. During term time and every Friday between 3pm and 5pm we have appx 36 young people ranging from 11 – 16 years come to WWC using the foyer and worship area – lads and lassies. This is a safe place for one and all. There are numerous electronic games, indoor sports games and board games. In the summer games are played on the grass space opposite the church. The kitchen is a busy place to be offering hot chocolate, toast and toppings, squash and biscuits. WWC pays Marco to work among the young people and he is much liked by all who come to Café on the Way. There are opportunities to chat with those who come regularly. Trust builds up between Marco, Sue & Keith and the young people and often deep conversations can take place. Some of the young people are vulnerable, many are delightful. So, anyone is welcome.

Pebblestones

David Schiff leads the Pebblestones ministry which is a non-profit, non-discriminatory Christian group which meets in the church building and aims is to provide free support to local children aged 6-12 years old with dyslexia or difficulty in school, helping to improve their literacy, maths and confidence skills. Volunteers assist David with such jobs as hearing the children read. The group has a waiting list. Pebblestones works with around 7 children at a time, and over the years has helped about 150 children. David and volunteers also work with adults needing help with literacy. David would welcome more volunteers to assist with this ministry to help him meet the demand in the area.

Time for you

T4U is a weekly meeting which runs 50 weeks of the year. On the books at the moment we have 36 senior people. We all contribute a £1 a week. Some are Christians mainly from WWC and others come from local churches in the W Bletchley area but many have no faith. There are six leaders but Sue Gibbs is the overall leader. T4U has a varied programme ranging from visiting speakers, keep fit classes, coach trips to the Cotswolds and this year to Eastbourne. Sue always likes to celebrate Christmas and Easter services and many of our speakers share their Christian life stories too including Peter Landry. We start each meeting with refreshments and much chatter. We celebrate everyone's birthday with flowers or gifts - for the men! It is a delightful club to be involved in. We have enough leaders with many giftings among us - Sue Gibbs, Thelma & Tony Warner, Pat Morgan, Monica Loveland, Derek Bignell, Richard Dayton.

Winter Night Shelter

WWC has opened up the building for 23 Sundays and on average there has been about 6 people usually men and occasionally a lady. The volunteers for making up the bedding have been amazing. Thanks to all of them. There are three shifts - 8pm - 10pm; 10pm - 7am; 7am - 8.30am - setting up, all night, clearing away. Usually there are few issues but occasionally there have been very difficult guests. Staff have enjoyed games of chess and table tennis with the guests. Over the whole period we have been informed that 25 guests have been moved on to various types of accommodation. Very rewarding indeed. It would be good to have more overnight and morning volunteers so that the shifts could have more helpers.

Maintenance and Infrastructure Group

This group has all but disbanded but its role was to coordinate maintenance and repair of the Church and Manse. Ken has chaired this group and Keith was secretary but would like to step down from this position. This groups responsibilities was also to include the purchase of equipment and furniture. There has in the past been a sub-group responsible for the sound, visual equipment and computers. This has now been taken over by a new group. Work done this year has been the replacement of lights in room three (upstairs) a light in the kitchen and changing all the flushing elements in the toilets. Also replaced was a new hand drier in the ladies toilets. A new racking system was erected for all the Noah's Ark equipment. Also in the Manse some of the double glazing has been replaced. To date thanks go to Stan Lodge, David Arnold, Paul & Ann Ormrod and Paul Davis for the help this last year and Brian Fox for the electrical testing.

Prayer

Prayer is an integral part of the life at WWC. Every week you will find pockets of prayer happening.

Sunday – Prayers are said before, during and after any morning service. During the summer months an act of prayer is held for an hour.

Monday - Prayers are held every Monday evening throughout the year. We have about six prayer intercessors. We have people wanting personal prayer for all sorts of reasons. Usually two intercessors go in the vestry with a visitor requiring prayers. The remaining prayers stay in the foyer praying for those in the vestry and other folks we know need prayer.

Tuesday – Sue offers prayers after Time for You for anyone who requests prayers.

Two home groups meet on a Tuesday. Both groups count prayer as one of the most important parts of their get togethers.

Wednesday – A further two home groups on a Wednesday afternoon and evening. Again prayer is central to these groups.

Thursday – Prayers are said before the start of Noah's Ark.

Prayers are usually shared in the early evening by the those involved in the following Sunday's worship.

Fridays – Prayers are shared before the start of Café on the Way

Saturday – No group prayers on a Saturday

Prayer Chain - An email prayer chain is used to circulate requests for prayer for anyone in urgent need who is happy for their details to be shared with the members of the prayer chain group. Any member of the church with a heart for prayer can sign up to be part of this group.

Prayer team – Membership of this group is currently five people and there is room for a few more. It would be good to have a few more gentlemen to boost our number.

Pastoral Work

At present we have three main avenues of Pastoral Care at WWC:

1. Home Groups.
2. The Prayer Ministry Team (including the prayer chain).
3. The Pastoral Meals Team.

This is a fundamental ministry at WWC with a huge scope for growth and development. We currently need someone to head up this group as a ministry lead with the jobs of oversight, team collaboration and group development. If you feel that this is a role that God is calling you into, please do speak to Peter Landry. A DBS check will be required.

Home Groups

Keith Gibbs and Esther Pearce

The Tuesday evening Home Group meets from 7pm – 8.30pm and at the present time we are meeting at Stan's & Beryl's home but could resume at Keith & Sue's home when evenings are lighter and warmer. Our current numbers are seven including Lucy-Ann. She normally reads the scripture we are studying and comes out with some amazing contributions. We value the work put in by Keith and Esther. Stan has incredible Bible knowledge which is always helpful. We value meeting together, studying the questions from the Sermon sent to us two days before our meeting, praying together and supporting one another. We are happy to continue studying the sermon questions sent to us each week.

Ken Pikethly and Kathy Scarborough

This group meets on a Tuesday Evening in the Church building, there are seven regular attendees, but occasionally more join the group. We study the previous Sunday sermon and help each other to learn more about God and our personal faith.

We pray for each other and the church. The highlights have been meeting together after 2 years of Zoom meetings, face to face meetings are much easier for supporting one another and sharing. Many thanks to Ken for leading the group. More members would be welcomed.

David and Joy Arnold and John and Sue North

This group meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Church building. The group aims to create a safe and friendly space for group members to feel confident to speak openly, pray together and come closer to God. Around 10 people regularly attend the group. The group reads the Bible passage and discusses the sermon from the previous Sunday using the questions set by the preacher. The highlights of the year have been getting to know people, being able to share different points of view and laughing together. All group members make contributions in different ways but thanks to Sue who often brings home made cake.

Sue and Les Smith and Peter Landry

This group usually meets at Sue and Les's home in Furzton on a Tuesday evening. The group regularly has at least 10 attendees who receive a warm welcome from their hosts. The evening frequently starts with a few songs led by Les on guitar, everyone makes suggestions and a theme often emerges from the choices. Like other groups the questions around the previous Sunday's sermon are used as the framework for discussion but the conversation often diverges in unexpected ways as people share their experiences and thoughts. The group aims to support one another and to be able to share the pains and joys of life. Highlights have been a gathering which enabled members to meet together in a more social setting, special thanks to Linda for hosting that and providing great food.

Missions Supported

Whaddon Way Church shows its support for those serving God here in the UK and abroad, primarily through prayer and financial giving to the organisations below, and by developing relationships with individuals and families engaged in mission. For example, we have links with three partners serving God in Peru with the BMS World Mission: a couple working in the training of new leaders and with local churches, an environmental community worker and a couple currently training before joining the long term programme in Peru.

We have also committed to pray for a Church community in Luuka in Uganda and have recently raised money to dig a well for fresh water to the local villages.

Nearer to home, we support and work alongside the Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust whose schools workers visit primary and secondary schools on a regular basis, taking lessons and assemblies – helping children and young people to consider their beliefs, explore Christianity and make positive life choices.

The following missions were supported in 2022

Borehole Mission in Uganda

WWC raised money to sink a second borehole in an area of Uganda where access to clean water is very limited. The money was raised through a special appeal to church members.

Baptist Missionary Society

WWC continues to support this missionary society which delivers practical help and takes to good news of Jesus to hard to reach communities worldwide.

Feba life giving media

WWC supports this mission that works with local partners in Africa, Asia and the Middle East to deliver radio and audio education, practical information as well as messages of hope and encouragement.

Tearfund

This Christian charity works to improve the lives of people living in poverty, including responding to crises and natural disasters. The charity also campaigns on the effects of climate change and pollution on the lives of impoverished communities. In 2022 WWC raised more than £200 for Tearfund by holding a “Big Quiz” night.

Bridgebuilder Trust

The Bridgebuilder trust works with schools in Milton Keynes to support spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and Christian understanding. In 2022 WWC hosted Christmas and Easter Cracked with Bridgebuilder and welcomed hundreds of local school children into the building.

Missionary Aviation Fellowship

WWC supports the work of MAF to bring the gospel and access to health care, education and supplies to isolated communities through its airplanes.

Financial review

COVID19

Lettings income gradually recovered to pre-pandemic levels through the year.

With the building being open for increasing hours through the year, gas and electricity usage also increased, but have not yet quite reached pre-pandemic levels.

Unrestricted funds

With the appointment of an Anglican Pioneer minister in training early in the year, we have had no ministerial salary to pay and that will continue to be the case for another year. Having also welcomed a group of members of St Mary's Church, Bletchley, who transferred to us during February, our regular donation income has grown by 20%.

We have transferred £10k from the General Fund to a new designated fund to cover future ministerial salary costs which we will be expected to contribute towards on a tapered basis from 2024. Unrestricted income exceeded expenditure by £22.4k.

Restricted funds

Winter Night Shelter Fund

The project re-started, but on a different basis, shortly before Christmas. The only expenses will be for laundry, but those will fall into 2023.

Uganda

We raised the sum of £2.5k from church members in order to fund the provision of another bore-hole and topped up the funds raised by using £1.1k from our General Fund.

Other restricted funds

Other restricted fund receipts and payments consisted mostly of club subscriptions and running expenses.

Fixed Assets

The values shown for the buildings increased following the five-year review conducted in 2018 by our insurer, which involved a site visit by their surveyor. The figure has increased in line with the sum insured since that survey.

Liabilities: Baptist Pension Scheme

The Scheme has been subject to a substantial deficit for a number of years. Steps have been taken by the BU to address this - the "Family Solution" - which have included a large injection of cash from BU reserves. The church continues to pay deficit contributions. The estimated debt attributed to our church has reduced again in 2022 from £17.6k at the start of the year to £7.4k at the end.

Risk Management

The Church has agreed policies for Safeguarding and health and safety guidelines which are communicated to users. Training for Safeguarding is arranged for all appropriate regular volunteers.

The financial risks we face and our approach to mitigating these are as follows:

Quality and accuracy of financial information

The accounts are updated as transactions occur. Every month the accounting records are reconciled with the bank accounts, and total fund values are reconciled with these. A summary report is normally provided to Trustees after each month end and a more detailed report at the end of each quarter.

Adequacy of reserves

Our Unrestricted Reserves are currently extremely healthy. Our income, however, is insufficient at present to cover the costs of employing a full-time minister. With the appointment of a Pioneer Minister early in 2022, funded initially by the Oxford Diocese, we have been advised to allow our reserves to grow, as the costs of this post will increasingly be borne by the church, on a tapered basis. The reserves can be used towards those ministerial costs if and when income fails to grow at the required rate.

Adequacy of insurance cover

Our insurer undertook a 5-year re-valuation of our building and contents during 2018, and the insurance cover was increased accordingly and has risen in line with inflation subsequently.

Dependency on sources of income

With the appointment of the Pioneer minister in February 2022, we welcomed a group of members of St Mary's Church, Bletchley, who transferred to us at the same time. This has increased our donations income and reduced our dependence on an ageing membership.

Financial controls

The last review of our financial controls was undertaken in March 2019.

Reference and Administrative Details

Name of the Charity: Whaddon Way Church

Address:

Beaverbrook Court, Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7JS

Charity Reference Number: 1144502

Minister:

Peter Landry appointed from February 2022

Trustees:

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Mr Geoff Hamilton (Secretary) until October 2022

Mr David Miller (Treasurer)

Mr Philip Bates

Ms Rita James

Mrs Georgina Holden (from May 2022)

Mrs Sue North (from May 2022)

Mrs Sheraya Fourie (from May 2022)

Bankers:

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Charity Structure, Governance and Management

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The constitution articulates how the church will ensure that the Trustees carry the ultimate legal responsibilities for decision-making, whilst the church meeting continues to provide a vehicle for all members to vote on the issues that have to be dealt with.

Whaddon Way Church – Officers from May 2022

Statutory Office Holders

Minister	Peter Landry
Treasurer	David Miller
Accounts Examiner	Louise Tunley
Church Warden	Vacant
DBS Verifier	Kathy Scarborough
Safeguarding Officers	Rita James/Geoff Hamilton
Health and Safety Officer	Fiona Davis

Group Leaders

Sunday Serving	
Overseas and Home Missions Support	Jane Entwistle
Maintenance & Infrastructure (Buildings)	Ken Pitkethly
Children and Youth	Sue North
Communications	Sheraya Fourie
Community Engagement	Sue Gibbs
Pastoral & Prayer	Sue Gibbs/ Kathy Scarborough
Finance	David Miller
Lettings	Keith Gibbs
Grant Applications	Pat Thomas
Environment Group	David Miller

Post Holders

Administrator (part time)	Matthew Maunder (till July 2022)
	Ruth Cooling (from Nov. 22)
Copyright Recorder	Geoff Hamilton (until Oct. 22)
Care Line Co-ordinator	Joy Arnold
Technical Manager	Paul Davis
Catering	Thelma Warner
Music Co-ordinator	Les Smith
Deanery Synod Rep	Ken Pitkethly
Mission Partnership Rep	Linda Winstanley
Authorised Person for Marriages	Joy Arnold
Deputy Authorised Person	Jane Entwistle



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whaddon Way Church

1144502

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Jan-22

To

31-Dec-22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	-	22.00	-	22.00	10.00
Standing orders	41,940.00	-	-	41,940.00	33,450.00
Donations	7,582.53	2,511.65	-	10,094.18	6,968.28
Legacies	-	-	-	-	4,549.25
Loans converted to gifts	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-
Gift Aid and GASDS	10,246.96	-	-	10,246.96	16,554.60
Venue hire	9,639.13	-	-	9,639.13	4,743.00
Manse rent	-	-	-	-	9,600.00
Collections for other causes	-	501.38	-	501.38	157.00
Other income	2,416.71	1,119.00	-	3,535.71	1,981.44
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,825.33	4,154.03	-	80,979.36	78,013.57
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76,825.33	4,154.03	-	80,979.36	78,013.57
A3 Payments					
Salaries and employment costs	8,443.68	-	-	8,443.68	10,768.70
Ministry costs	8,053.86	1,325.81	-	9,379.67	7,290.57
Grants	9,267.50	2,923.10	-	12,190.60	18,340.00
Admin and office costs	3,178.56	-	-	3,178.56	3,845.94
Insurance	1,974.71	-	-	1,974.71	2,084.01
Energy and water costs	4,298.30	-	-	4,298.30	2,407.70
Major projects	6,085.00	-	-	6,085.00	26,742.21
Other premises costs	13,113.34	-	-	13,113.34	8,253.59
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,414.95	4,248.91	-	58,663.86	79,732.72
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan repayments - capital	-	-	-	-	-
Loans converted to gifts	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,414.95	4,248.91	-	58,663.86	79,732.72
Net of receipts/(payments)	22,410.38	- 94.88	-	22,315.50	- 1,719.15
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	125,928.07	8,713.01	-	134,641.08	136,360.23
Cash funds this year end	148,338.45	8,618.13	-	156,956.58	134,641.08

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Main Account	39,239.78		
	CAF General Account	11,076.98	981.13	
	CAF Building Account		3,770.27	
	BU 3-month notice Account	97,758.36		
	BU 1-year Deposit Bond			
	Petty Cash	263.33		
	Petty Cash (Friday Frenzy Club)			
	CAF Account - WBCP		3,866.73	
	Petty Cash (Time for You)			-
	Petty Cash (Noah's Ark)			-
Total cash funds		148,338.45	8,618.13	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

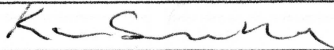
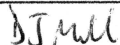
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church Building (Insurance value)	General	-	1,534,808
	Manse (Insurance value)	General	-	344,400
	Church furniture	General	-	-
	Office equipment	General	-	-
	Kitchen equipment	General	-	-
	Musical instruments	General	-	-
	Sound and projection equipment	General	-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Christmas Collection for 3rd Party	PO BOX	324.78	Early 2023
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KATHLEEN SCARBORO	19/4/23
	DAVID MILLER	19/4/23



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

Whaddon Way Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1144502

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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; 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.

Signed:

Louise Tunley

Date:

18/04/2023

Name:

LOUISE TUNLEY FCA CTA DChA

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

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (ICAEW)

Address:

19 GOLDINGTON ROAD

BEDFORD

MK40 3JY

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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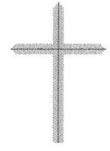
WHADDON WAY CHURCH (ANGLICAN/BAPTIST)

England & Wales - Charity number 1144502

Accounts

Whaddon Way Church (ANGLICAN/BAPTIST)

Beaverbrook Court, Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7JS



Annual Report and **Financial Statement**

for the year ended 31 December 2021

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During this past year the trustees meetings have frequently had Rev David McDougal from St Mary's and Rev Tim Edworthy as Moderator from Well Street Baptist Church in Buckingham.

Whaddon Way Church – Officers from June 2021

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Minister	Vacant
Treasurer	David Miller
Accounts Examiner	Louise Tunley FCA CTA DChA
Church Warden	Vacant
DBS Verifier	Kathy Scarborough
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Health and Safety Officer	Fiona Davis

Group Leaders

Sunday Serving	
Overseas and Home Missions Support	Jane Entwistle
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Children and Youth	Sue Bates
Communications	Vacant
Community Engagement	Sue Gibbs
Pastoral & Prayer	Sue Gibbs/ Kathy Scarborough
Finance	David Miller
Lettings	Keith Gibbs
Grant Applications	Pat Thomas
Environment Group	David Miller

Post Holders

Administrator (part time)	Matthew Maunder
Copyright Recorder	Geoff Hamilton
Care Line Co-ordinator	Joy Arnold
Technical Manager	Paul Davis/Enock Kiprono
Catering	Thelma Warner
Music Co-ordinator	vacant
Deanery Synod Rep	Ken Pitkethly
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Deputy Authorised Person	Jane Entwistle

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Activities and Public Benefit

As well as providing regular worship services for the local community and funerals, the church provided activities which demonstrate public benefit in different ways.

- A weekly prayer ministry group provides spiritual and emotional support.
- Junior church activities on Sundays which explore the Christian faith and provide teaching on ethical and moral issues. These were suspended during covid lockdown and restricted opening due to the extremely low numbers of young people.
- Café on the Way, a weekly after school drop-in for local secondary school children, restarted when Covid restrictions allowed, with attendance of between 15 and 30. This provided a cafe environment with table tennis, card games, board games, computer games and staff available to support and encourage the young people's social, mental and spiritual wellbeing.
- Although not able to host the overnight shelter for homeless during the 5 winter months as in previous years the church instead continued until the summer to provide between 18 -24 meals weekly to the centre drop-in.
- Once covid restrictions have been lifted the church plans to continue to participate in, jointly with St Mary's Bletchley, sponsoring local council activities such as "Christmas at Melrose". It also plans to participate in the annual West Bletchley Carnival.

- The church has a Community Engagement Group which manages a range of initiatives under the “West Bletchley Community Projects” banner:

Time for You - A regular drop-in morning/lunch time social group for (mostly) older adults, providing companionship and opportunities to read a newspaper, play board games, listen to a speaker, and go on summer outings, etc.

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The financial records for West Bletchley Community Projects are shown consolidated with those for the main church funds, but grantor’s requirements are being met by retaining a separate fund.

- The church also supports other organisations working in local schools, in international aid and development, and environmental projects.
- The building has been used by other charity groups, including Northampton Chinese Christian Church, MAPA children’s dance class, National Childbirth Trust classes, Milton Keynes Young Leader Academy. and The Historical Model Railway Society. The income from lettings had given the church a stable financial base which allowed us to maintain a service to our surrounding community.

Impact of Covid 19 on Activities

- The church was able to continue to hold weekly Sunday church services using Zoom and also on the premises following the covid guidelines. As lockdown restrictions eased the focus was moved to be more church premise focussed and also providing a streamed output instead of using Zoom.
- The children’s dance group, MAPA resumed their activities at the church from April and has continued since. The Historical Model Railway Society resumed meetings in September and the National Childbirth Trust have only had a few meetings.
- Groups that have not resumed include the Pilates group and the MS Society.
- Continued use of Zoom has enabled the church to continue three regular midweek groups and Congregational Meetings which were all well attended.
- The church was able to continue to support the Winter Night Shelter by providing hot meals to the daytime venue on a rota basis.
- The church continued to maintain regular support to members of the Time4U group and other elderly or more vulnerable contacts. The activities were restarted in the autumn.

Achievements and Performance

Premises

- Grant monies were used to replace unsafe stage blocks and upgrade the sound and vision system to the main hall and foyer. This has enabled live streaming of services and enhanced the worship experience with less interference.

- All the carpet tiles to the main hall and main upstairs meeting room were replaced during the lockdown period.
- The original fluorescent and emergency lights are starting to fail . These are generally being replaced with LED fittings which will reduce energy and require less maintenance.
- The manse was let to a family until September when they vacated in the knowledge that the premises would need to be made available to Peter Landry who is to be installed as minister of Whaddon Way. Redecoration, various repairs to electrics and a complete bathroom refit were planned for early 2022.

LEP, Ministry and Leadership Developments

During 2021 the closer relationship with St Mary's has continued with the provided preaching support for two Sundays per month. The proposed additional trustee from the St Mary's congregation has not been filled, but David McDougall has been a regular attendee at the trustee meetings. Kathy Scarborough reciprocated this arrangement by attending some of the St Mary's PCC meetings. The future ministry of Whaddon Way that was started to be explored in 2021 also culminated in St Mary's proposing a transplant of members from St Mary's congregation along with a Church of England pioneer minister. This was approved by the church meeting in November 2021 and Peter Landry was appointed as minister in February 2022.

Membership

Attendance at church services has fallen back during 2021 as a result of some of the difficulties mentioned above, although we have still enjoyed welcoming a few new regular attendees.

Number of Members at 31st December 2021: -- 64

Financial review

COVID 19

The effect of Covid on donations has continued to be small. The majority of our members donate by standing order, and this income stream has continued. Those who give using the envelope system have mostly provided cheques instead. Loose collections remained lower than pre-pandemic, but matched those received in 2020.

Lettings income increased by more than 25% compared with 2020 but remained at about half of pre-pandemic levels. Rent income from the manse has more than offset that loss.

With the building being closed in the winter and early spring, utilities costs were lower even than in 2020. We used that period of closure to complete some major upgrading that would have been disruptive in normal times.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

With the interregnum continuing, we had no ministerial salary to pay and also benefited from rental income from the manse for the first part of the year. Unrestricted income exceeded expenditure by £25k.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

MP Wilderspin Fund

We used up the remainder of this grant to complete the project to upgrade to our AV systems and to the Stage area of the main hall.

Winter Night Shelter Fund

There were no fund movements during 2021 as the project did not use our church premises because of the pandemic.

Food Projects

We used this fund towards the cost of meals provided for the homeless folks who were being supported by Winter Night Shelter MK, spending £190 in the year, leaving £793.

FIXED ASSETS

The values shown for the buildings increased following the five-year review conducted in 2018 by our insurer, which involved a site visit by their surveyor. The figure has increased in line with the sum insured since that survey.

LIABILITIES

None, but see also the paragraph regarding the Baptist Pension Scheme below.

Risk Management

The Church has agreed policies for Safeguarding and health and safety guidelines which are communicated to users. Training for Safeguarding is arranged for all appropriate regular volunteers.

The financial risks we face and our approach to mitigating these are as follows:

BAPTIST PENSION SCHEME LIABILITY

The Scheme has been subject to a substantial deficit for a number of years. Steps have been taken by the BU to address this - the "Family Solution" - which have included a large injection of cash from BU reserves. The church continues to pay deficit contributions. The estimated debt attributed to our church was reduced significantly in 2019, as a result of the measures taken, and

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QUALITY AND ACCURACY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The accounts are updated as transactions occur. Every month the accounting records are reconciled with the bank accounts, and total fund values are reconciled with these. A summary report is normally provided to Trustees after each month end and a more detailed report at the end of each quarter.

ADEQUACY OF RESERVES

Our Unrestricted Reserves are currently extremely healthy. Our income, however, is insufficient at present to cover the costs of employing a full-time minister. With the appointment of a Pioneer Minister early in 2022, funded initially by the Oxford Diocese, we have been advised to allow our reserves to grow, as the costs of this post will increasingly be borne by the church, on a tapered basis. The reserves can be used towards those ministerial costs if and when income fails to grow at the required rate.

ADEQUACY OF INSURANCE COVER

Our insurer undertook a 5-year re-valuation of our building and contents during 2018, and the insurance cover was increased accordingly and has risen in line with inflation subsequently.

DEPENDENCY ON SOURCES OF INCOME

With the appointment of the Pioneer minister in 2022 we are expecting approx. 15 members of St Mary's Church, Bletchley, to transfer to us at the same time. This should increase our donations income and reduce our dependence on an ageing membership.

FINANCIAL CONTROLS

The last review of our financial controls was undertaken in March 2019.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01-Jan-21 to 31-Dec-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted Funds to the nearest £	Endowment Funds to the nearest £	Total Funds to the nearest £	Last Year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	-	10		10	19
Standing Orders	33,450	-		33,450	33,278
Donations	6,943	25		6,968	7,809
Legacies	4,549	-		4,549	
Loans converted to gifts	-	-		-	3,250
Grants	-	-		-	124,003
Gift Aid and GASDS	16,351	203		16,555	10,444
Venue Hire	4,743	-		4,743	3,892
Manse Rent	9,600	-		9,600	8,400
Collections for other causes	-	157		157	
Other income	1,374	607		1,981	202
Sub total	77,011	1,003		78,014	191,297
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	77,011	1,003		78,014	191,297
A3 Payments					
Salaries and employment costs	10,769	-		10,769	24,595
Ministry costs	6,833	458		7,291	2,644
Grants	18,340	-		18,340	10,680
Admin and office costs	3,846	-		3,846	6,060
Insurance	2,084	-		2,084	1,822
Energy and water costs	2,408	-		2,408	3,408
Major projects	-	26,742		26,742	
Other premises costs	8,254	-		8,254	38,409
Fundraising expenses	-	-		-	
Sub total	52,532	27,200		79,733	87,618
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Loan repayments - capital	-	-		-	
Loans converted to gifts	-	-		-	3,250
Sub total	-	-		-	3,250
Total payments	52,532	27,200		79,733	90,868
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,479	-26,198		-1,719	100,429
A5 Transfers between funds				-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	101,450	34,910		136,360	35,931
Cash funds this year end	125,928	8,713		134,641	136,360

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Main Account	18,890		
	CAF General Account	10,593	1,419	
	CAF Building account		3,276	
	BU 3-month notice Account	30,093		
	BU 1-year Deposit Bond	65,671		
	Petty Cash	681	73	
	Petty Cash (Friday Frenzy Club)			
	CAF Account - WBCP		3,944	
	Petty Cash (Time for You)			
		Total cash funds	125,928	8,713

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church building (insurance value)	General		1,394,000
	Manse (insurance value)	General		288,441
	Church furniture	General		
	Office equipment	General		
	Kitchen equipment	General		
	Musical instruments	General		
	Sound and projection equipment	General		

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	KATHLEEN SCARBROUGH	11.5.2022
	DAVID MILLER	11.5.2022



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Whaddon Way Church		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2021	Charity no (if any)	1144502
Set out on pages	9 to 10		

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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").

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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; 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.

Signed: Louise Tunley **Date:** 11/05/2022

Name: LOUISE TUNLEY FCA CTA DChA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (ICAEW)

Address: 19 GOLDINGTON ROAD, BEDFORD, MK40 3JY

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.

WHADDON WAY CHURCH (ANGLICAN/BAPTIST)

England & Wales - Charity number 1144502

Accounts

Whaddon Way Church (ANGLICAN/BAPTIST)

Beaverbrook Court, Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7JS



Annual Report and **Financial Statement**

for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Reference and Administrative Details

Name of the Charity: Whaddon Way Church

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Beaverbrook Court, Whaddon Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 7JS

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Minister:

Reverend Steve Summerfield (up to June 2020)

Trustees:

Up until January 2020

Ms Rita James (Chair)

Mrs Kara Gander

Mr Enock Kiprono

Appointed during 2020

From January - Mrs Kathy Scarborough (Chair)

From January - Mr Geoff Hamilton (Secretary)

From January - Mr David Miller (Treasurer)

From June – Mr Philip Bates

Bankers:

CAF Bank Ltd,

25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Independent examiner:

Stephen Monico, FCA, DChA

Steve Monico Ltd

19 Goldington Road, Bedford, MK40 3JY

Insurers:

Baptist Insurance Company plc, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ

Charity Structure, Governance and Management

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- A weekly line dancing session for residents of Beaverbrook House, members of the wider community and folks from the Church.
- The church continued to host on a rota basis with other churches the local Winter Night Shelter during the 5 winter months. This involved providing a bed, an evening meal and breakfast for up to 16 homeless.
- Twice a year the church has hosted groups from local primary schools for Easter and Christmas Cracked – presentations devised by the local schools work charity MK Bridgebuilder Trust. This is delivered by our own team with members from St Mary's.

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- The building was used all days of the week mainly by charities, including Northampton Chinese Christian Church, MAPA children's dance class, National Childbirth Trust classes, MS Society, McIntyre and The Historical Model Railway Society. The income from lettings had given the church a stable financial base which allowed us to maintain a service to our surrounding community. Church members undertake caretaking and cleaning in conjunction with professional cleaners.
- The Minister hosted a local Neighbourhood Watch Group at the church.

Achievements and Performance

Impact of Covid 19 on Activities

- Apart from funeral services all the above activities at the church were obliged to close at short notice towards the end of March by Government Regulations.
- Despite the restrictions the church was able to continue to hold weekly Sunday church services using Zoom. These were initially from homes, however following the relaxation of restrictions during the autumn and until Christmas arrangements were made for a small number of worshippers to attend the church. Similarly the children's dance group, MAPA resumed their activities at the church.
- In addition to the Sunday services Zoom has enabled the church to continue 3 regular midweek groups and also Congregational Meetings which were all well attended.
- The church was able to continue to support the Winter Night Shelter by providing hot meals to the daytime venue on a rota basis.
- The church has continued to maintain regular support to members of the Time4U group and other elderly or more vulnerable contacts. The church also put in place arrangements for re-opening the after-school drop-in after Christmas to reflect the new environment.

Premises

- The church building's period of closure created the opportunity to undertake redecoration of the main hall and replacement of high-level lights with LEDs. Furthermore, the receipt of a legacy provided the funding for the replacement of the carpet tiles and platform which had become dangerous together with modernisation and upgrading some of the AV system.
- Following the Minister's departure at the end of May it was arranged to let the manse. A family took occupation on an annual Assured Shorthold Tenancy from early July.

LEP, Ministry and Leadership Developments

Following the decision in December 2019 that the Minister would leave at the end of June 2020, the newly-elected trustees have had meetings with the leadership of St Mary's Bletchley to discuss the future relationship between the churches and the support that St Mary's might be able to offer to Whaddon Way both in the short-term and, potentially, in the longer term. Revd Tim Edworthy, Minister of Well Street United Church, Buckingham, was also appointed as (Baptist) Moderator.

Since the spring, St Mary's has provided preaching support for two Sundays per month. It is also proposed that St Mary's provides one person to become a Whaddon Way trustee, and that the arrangement is reciprocated with one person from Whaddon Way becoming a member of the St Mary's PCC. Options for ministry in the longer term are being explored with St Mary's and with our Moderator. The recruitment of either an Anglican or Baptist minister may be available to us. Proposals for a second phase of longer-term support from St Mary's have been shared with church members.

Consideration of the future status of the LEP has not been the primary focus of these discussions but decisions taken resulting from them will inform the way forward with regards to the LEP.

Membership

Attendance at church services has fallen back as a result of some of the difficulties mentioned above, although we have still enjoyed welcoming a few new regular attendees.

Number of Members at 31st December 2020: -- 63

Financial review

COVID 19

The effect of Covid on donations has been very small. The majority of our members donate by standing order, and this income stream has continued. Those who give using the envelope system have mostly provided cheques instead, meaning that the only loss has been 9-months' worth of the loose collection, estimated at between 3 and 4% of the total donations we would expect to have received in 2020.

Lettings income has reduced more significantly, and finished the year more than 60% below budget, though the rent income from the manse has more than offset that loss.

Regular expenditure has been lower than budgeted due to the building being out of use for more than half of the year, although we took the opportunity to carry out maintenance that would have been disruptive in normal times.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The departure of our Minister in June had a considerable impact on our financial position. In the first half of the year Unrestricted expenditure exceeded income by £10k, but in the second half of the year the reverse was the case and our General Fund value increased by £10k. This was

helped not only by saving on salary costs but on being able to rent out the manse as mentioned elsewhere in the report.

During the year we received a large Unrestricted grant of £75k, following the closure and sale of a nearby village Baptist Church, which has strengthened our free reserves considerably. We have set aside two sums from this, in Designated funds, one (£7.5k) to fund some more water borehole drilling in Uganda, and the other (initially £5.4k) to fund the first year's Café on the Way project.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

MP Wilderspin Fund

We received a large legacy, £48.9k, from a long-term financial supporter of the church, in the form of a Restricted Grant to finance a major upgrade to our AV systems and to the Stage area of the main hall.

Building Fund

The last loan from a member for the re-building project in 2012 was converted to a gift during 2020. In the early part of the year a few further donations were received into this fund which has left a year-end balance of £1.2k which we will use towards future building refurbishment which may become necessary.

Winter Night Shelter Fund

We received new donations totalling £50 towards this fund during the year. Expenditure for year was only £220, because we allocated all claims for food purchases to the Food Projects Fund. As a result, the year-end balance was still £1,716.

We reclaimed no expenses from Winter Night Shelter MK in 2020.

Food Projects

We used this fund once again for the food purchased for the Winter Night Shelter residents spending £382 in the year, leaving £983.

Living Stones Fund

The software licence renewals for 2020 used up the remaining funds, and we will pay for these out of normal church funds in future years if no new grants are forthcoming.

FIXED ASSETS

The values shown for the buildings increased following the five-year review conducted in 2018 by our insurer, which involved a site visit by their surveyor. The figure has increased in line with the sum insured since that survey.

LIABILITIES

As mentioned earlier in this report the last loan from a member for the re-building project in 2012 was converted to a gift during 2020. There are now no loans outstanding from any sources.

See also the paragraph regarding the Baptist Pension Scheme below.

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ADEQUACY OF RESERVES

The Reserves Policy is normally reviewed at the annual budget meeting. At the meeting for agreeing the budget for 2021, so much uncertainty existed that we set an outline budget only, with the costs of employing a new minister not included, the recruitment of one deemed an unlikely scenario during 2021. With regular income currently exceeding expenditure, we have been advised to allow our reserves to accumulate in the short term.

ADEQUACY OF INSURANCE COVER

Our insurer undertook a 5-year re-valuation of our building and contents during 2018, and the insurance cover was increased accordingly and has risen in line with inflation subsequently.

DEPENDENCY ON SOURCES OF INCOME

In the short term the risk of a significant drop in donations from members, or from lettings, would seem to be quite low. In the medium to long term we face a similar situation to many churches and charities as a relatively large proportion of our financial support comes from older members, and the next generation is both smaller in number and frequently less wealthy.

In common with other churches of our size we are fairly reliant on a small number of generous members, with 45% of the donations coming from the top five donors and 69% coming from the top ten (of whom half are over the age of 70), both of these percentages being higher than in 2019.

FINANCIAL CONTROLS

The last review of our financial controls was undertaken in March 2019.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 01-Jan-20 to 31-Dec-20

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted Funds to the nearest £	Endowment Funds to the nearest £	Total Funds to the nearest £	Last Year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	19			19	96
Standing Orders	33,158	120		33,278	37,531
Donations	7,559	250		7,809	13,669
Legacies					-
Loans converted to gifts		3,250		3,250	3,250
Grants	75,104	48,899		124,003	-
Gift Aid and GASDS	10,139	305		10,444	11,606
Venue Hire	3,892			3,892	10,977
Manse Rent	8,400			8,400	
Other income	202			202	1,463
Sub total	138,472	52,824		191,297	78,592
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	138,472	52,824	-	101,297	78,592
A3 Payments					
Salaries and employment costs	24,595			24,595	37,304
Ministry costs	1,768	876		2,644	6,491
Grants	10,680			10,680	9,580
Admin and office costs	6,000	60		6,060	2,871
Insurance*	1,822			1,822	1,780
Energy and water costs	3,408			3,408	4,588
Other premises costs	17,077	21,332		38,409	7,907
Fundraising expenses					-
*LY now includes Manse Insurance					-
Sub total	65,349	22,268		87,617	70,520
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Loan repayments - capital					3,000
Loans converted to gifts		3,250		3,250	3,250
Sub total		3,250		3,250	6,250
Total payments	65,349	25,518		90,867	76,770
Net of receipts/(payments)	73,123	27,306	-	100,430	1,822
A5 Transfers between funds	-85	85	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,412	7,519		35,931	34,108
Cash funds this year end	101,450	34,911		136,360	35,931

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Main Account	33,574	8,644	
	CAF General Account		12,011	
	CAF Building account	2,796		
	BU 3-month notice Account		10,039	
	BU 1-year Deposit Bond	65,021		
	Petty Cash	59		
	Petty Cash (Friday Frenzy Club)			
	CAF Account - WBCP		4,040	
	Petty Cash (Time for You)		177	
		Total cash funds	101,450	34,911

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church building (insurance value)	General		1,257,000
	Manse (insurance value)	General		264,869
	Church furniture	General		
	Office equipment	General		
	Kitchen equipment	General		
	Musical instruments	General		
	Sound and projection equipment	General		

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
<i>Signed on original</i>	<i>Kathleen Scarborough</i>	<i>3/6/21</i>
<i>Signed on original</i>	<i>David Miller</i>	<i>3/6/21</i>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Whaddon Way Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1144502

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020

**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; 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:

27 May 2021

Name:

STEPHEN MONICO FCA DChA

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

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (ICAEW)

Address:

19 GOLDINGTON ROAD, BEDFORD, MK40 3JY

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.