

Registered Charity Number: -1145507

Report of the Trustees and
unaudited financial statement for the
year ended 31st March 2024
for
Fareham Baptist New Life Church

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Report of the Trustees
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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2015.

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Fareham Baptist New Life Church

Report of the Trustees

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is constituted under the Baptist Union of Great Britain Model Trust Deed, dated 20th March 2008. The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees.

Trustees are appointed by the Church Member's Meeting in accordance with the Church Constitution.

Organisational structure

The trustees are the Leadership Team composed of the Minister and Deacons elected under the authority of the Church Meeting.

Wider network

The charity is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, adopting their model trust deed and subscribing to their doctrine, and the Southern Counties Baptist Association.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and aims

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

As a member of the Baptist Union the church subscribes to the Union's Declaration of Principle:

“That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His laws.

That Christian Baptism is the immersion in water into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, of those who have professed repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who 'died for our sins according to Scriptures; was buried, and rose again on the third day'.

That it is the duty of every disciple to bear personal witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to take part in the evangelisation of the world.”

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Achievements and Performance
Charitable activities

Acting Secretaries Report

As I look back at 2023, I am amazed at how much has happened and how God led the church through a year of transition. The year started with our Pastor Rev Alan Rogers retiring after many years leading the church. The theme verse God led us to was from Malachi chapter 3 and verse 16 **“I the Lord do not change”**. Coupled with this the deacons felt we should not seek a new pastor or an external moderator until at least the next phase of the building work was completed. This was ratified by the church meeting. So you might suppose this would be a year of ‘treading water’. How mistaken you would be.....

During a deacons Quiet Day in February, we were prompted to start thinking about an outreach onto the Rowner Estate and initial enquires were made. In April at the Annual Church Meeting David Alison and Matthew Hibberd were called to join the deaconate, also the idea about a Rowner outreach along with a possible venue was brought to the membership and accepted. More detailed plans were then shared and accepted at the members meeting in May.

We had the initial meeting of the Rowner outreach at the Nimrod Centre on the 4th June, in one of the smaller rooms, which proved too small. These services were continued on the 1st Sunday of each month for the rest of the year. Towards the end of the year, we were asked to lead a Community Carol Service at the centre, also Gosport Waterfront Baptist Church expressed interest of joining with us for the Rowner Outreach. The Community Carol service was successful and well attended.

We also started rebuilding relationships with the Southern Counties Baptist Association, attending several association meetings at Basingstoke Baptist Church and welcoming Rev Simon Gray to another Deacons Quiet Day later in the year.

The Bible School which Alan had been running on alternate Thursday evenings came to a natural conclusion at the summer break in August. For five Wednesday evenings in November, we ran the C of E Difference Course both in-person in the lounge and on Zoom which was well received and plans were made to do something similar in the New Year.

A new Baby/Toddler and Carer support group Sunbeams was started in September, initially meeting monthly. This started with large numbers but tailed off as winter approached.

We also hosted Baptismal services for two other churches during the second part of the year and it was great to see our buildings packed on these occasions.

All of this happened in addition to and alongside all of the regular long term weekly activities of Sunday worship, Prayer Meetings, Oasis Group for those with additional needs, Girls’ Brigade and Activ8 whose reports you will find elsewhere.

In conclusion, God proved the theme verse of being the same faithful God who continued to bless the church despite Alan’s retirement, but that it was far from a year of just ‘treading water’. We look forward with excitement of where God will lead in the coming years.

John Dear – Acting Secretary.

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"Men's Breakfasts" - 2024

I was 'sure' I'd made out our Men's Breakfast report already, but I guess I'll have to put its disappearance down to a hungry laptop that seems to have digested it and not even left a crumb of incriminating evidence.

I don't know about any of you other guys, but my scales and tape measure are starting to point very accusing fingers at me!! It would seem that some drastic measures are in need of serious consideration. When the safety of some of the buttons on my various waistcoats are in jeopardy, its time to take action! Perhaps I should consider sticking to cereals or maybe toast and marmalade ??? I'll pray about it and maybe get back to you next time.

Seriously though guys, it's great to gather together to encourage one-another and share what God has done and is continuing to do in our lives. One thing I will say and with this I'll climb down off my soapbox, and that is..... looking at... and hearing about the state of our sick and wayward world how many more breakfasts will there be before our Lord Jesus returns and calls us home? I'll leave that with you.

So, back to 'the food'; we've enjoyed fellowship over well-cooked breakfasts and are grateful to those responsible for (a) turning out faithfully, regularly and early enough and in all weathers, to have it all ready for when the clarion call goes out "come and get it!" Grateful thank go also to those who forsake their beds early enough to set up our dining area already to go. Thanks must also go to the "Little Angels"! Staff who often times leave the area already for us.

Now and again, we also have the pleasure of our womenfolk and look forward to repeat occasions in this coming year. As the menfolk of the fellowship, our numbers have not been as great as we would like and would encourage one and all to spread the word. As it also says in the word "it is good for man to dwell together in unison" and one of the better ways (my opinion) to do this is to see if we can't "build-up, the inner man" by building up "the outer one" also? and what better way than round the breakfast table and a bite to eat to start the day.

Let's see if, in this coming year, we can't spread the Word, the Good News like we spread marmalade on Toast.

Blessings - John Curd

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Fellowship Events 2023/24

One of the most notable features of the early church is their practice of meeting together for fellowship, and we have endeavoured as a church to continue to do so.

We continue to have coffee mornings regularly, when we can meet over a cuppa and cake, with each other and with friends from outside the church. These are from 10 till 12 on the last Saturday each month, and we welcome all who come to join us.

In 2023 we had a BBQ in the church carpark, when the weather kept fair, and the food was excellent. We look forward to another this year in June.

Always a popular evening is our Quiz Evening, when we are joined by friends from several other churches, all come to be tested in their knowledge. Perhaps this year we should do some revision so that we at FBNLC might win!

Most Christmases we have a Christmas Fair, when money is raised towards the church building fund. This last year was no exception, and over £300 was raised, as well as our being able to welcome friends and families from outside the church circle.

Age, Covid and high prices have brought the church holidays to an end after weeks spent in Bournemouth, Torquay, Eastbourne, and the Isle of Wight. The balance remaining in the holiday account, £236, has been allocated to the building fund. We thank all who went to make these holidays such fun.

We look forward to this year's fellowship activities and pray that this will be a blessing to many. If you want a note of what is planned, see me.

Myrtle Rogers.

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Mission News

In May over 100 worshippers from Portsmouth Pentecostal Church of God used our sanctuary and baptism pool, and we were able to bless other local churches also using our facilities for baptisms. In June, in outreach, we started to meet at Nimrod Community Centre in Rowner once a month for an informal service. Gosport Waterfront Baptist Church would join us for these services soon after and in December a special Christmas Service was held with over 40 people, including the Mayor of Gosport, attending. We continue to meet and remain open to see what God has planned. Also, in June we also welcomed Chris and Gabby from the Leprosy Mission. We heard how Gabby had been drawn into the ministry, working for God by bringing hope to people who are on the edge of society. Prayers and support for works in Nepal, support for tea workers in India, Chris spoke on 1 Corinthians 3:3-9 and the assignments God gives to each of us to plant and water, that only God can make things grow, and that we are God's field and God's building.

In October, Geoff and Irene visited us from Open Doors. We heard about how the charity serves persecuted Christians around the world, including in places like North Korea where having a Bible would result in an entire family being sent to prison. Irene used the illustration of chocolate to demonstrate how we need to keep dipping into the Word of God to 'taste and see that the Lord is good', and how important having access to a Bible is to understand the full Word of God, sharing how there is a lack of Bibles. Geoff shared Matthew 25:31-46, how the son of man will separate the sheep from the goats, and how we mustn't deny serving any of his people, giving the lowest hospitality, making time to support and clothe others no matter how unimportant they seem, and that we do it to Jesus when we do. Geoff also mentioned 'We are one family' (John 1:12) and one body where 'if one member suffers, we all suffer' (Corin 12:26), therefore if you are the Church then you are also persecuted.

In February we welcomed Catherine who spoke about WEC, how she was called by God to Japan and the work that she is undertaking there. It was wonderful to hear how God was using her talents as a harpist to minister to others, to hear how she was integrating with churches and to learn about some of the culture differences.

At the church anniversary service, in March, Rev Jim Thomas, Regional Minister for Mission, Southern Counties Bible Association, spoke with us briefly about Home Mission Fund.

Throughout the year we have continued to make donations from our Missions Account to support BMS World Mission, Noel and Mandy at WEC, Catherine Porter, Barnabas

Foundation, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Home Mission Fund and Wycliffe Bible Translators. John Curd remains the point of contact for Catherine, David Standing for Wycliffe, Hugh for Masih Das and Serita', I remain the POC for Leprosy Mission and have now also taken on BMS, following David Townrow's years in role, for which we thank him. Over several years, David Standing has done a sterling job of bringing all these organisations into a regular newsletter, I now will take on this responsibility, with his assistance. Our thanks to David for his service.

Acts 13:47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: " 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the Earth.'"

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Light and Life Church Report 2023-2024

We are a small group, formerly called Faith and Light, for people with additional needs and their carers. We meet once a month for fellowship, worship and a shared tea.

There are up to 11 members of the group. We usually meet on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon from 3pm to 5.30pm. We share our news and our concerns, we worship God and we have tea together. During our worship we hear and mime a Bible story, make a craft item to reinforce the Bible story, sing and pray. This year our theme is 'Meeting Jesus.' We have met with Jesus with different Bible characters and have learnt how meeting Jesus has changed them and can change us too.

In December, we opened our meeting to the members of Oasis. We acted out the nativity, sang our favourite carols and enjoyed a delicious tea together.

The group is open to anyone who has an interest in supporting our special friends.

Wendy Townrow

Worship Group

During the year Joy and I have swapped roles, with Joy standing down as the leader of the group, but continuing to be part of the group and my deputy. None of us are professional musicians, but we do the best we can to bring the talents we do have as an offering of worship to God.

I am very grateful to: All of the musicians and singers; Martin on the sound desk for his efforts in making us sound the best we can be; Jo for following us making sure the right words are displayed, even when we go 'off-track' and not where she expects; and everyone for their understanding as I find my feet in this new role.

The new outreach at the Nimrod Centre has proved a challenge, especially with the transport of equipment each time, but also the opportunity to try new styles of worship. We have managed to learn and bring several new songs during the year, and we are also learning to be more collaborative in the way we worship together as we try to follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

At the end of the year, we prepare for Kirstie, David Townrow and Matthew to step-down and I want to pay tribute to the hard work and effort they have put into the worship group. We also look forward David Alison to join us.

John Dear – Worship Group Leader.

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Cuppa and Chat

How did we start?

We thought the men have a breakfast, why can't we ladies have something for us?
So, we decided to start with afternoon tea – therefore, January 2023 was our first meeting. Many of us are on our own and there are days when we see or speak to nobody, so as you can imagine there is quite a bit of chatter that goes on.

One of our members is very good at craft work and shares with us the things she has been working on. We have also been looking at what we can do that will encourage us and make our time together worthwhile.

At our meeting just before Christmas, we invited the men to join us and share a lunch together.

Our numbers have dropped a little this year with the passing of two of our ladies – Mary Ross and Ann Scrivener, so any ladies who would like to join us, come and speak to me (Joy) and I will give you the date of our next meeting.

Joy Webb.



The Girls' Brigade and Activ8

1st Fareham Group

Activ8=

Report : 2023-24

Our Brigade Group has continued to evolve over the last year. We bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to children and young people. We pray that they will be affected by what they have heard long into the future.

Who we are

There are now 11 girls and 6 boys. The children are aged from 4 to 17 years-old. We have 3 leaders: Sarah Cartwright, Vickie Partridge and Wendy Townrow.

We have a rota of parents to assist each Friday.

One of our leaders, Margaret Davies, died in January. She was associated with 1st Fareham from her teens. Her membership paused when she had her 2 daughters but she was back with her daughter as soon as she was 5. Margaret became a helper, then an auxiliary and then a leader. She worked with all 4 age-groups, from 4-year-old Explorers to 18+ Brigaders. Margaret attended many camps, often as cook.

We will miss Margaret; 1st Fareham will not be quite the same without her. However, although Margaret's passing is sad for us, we know that as a Christian she is now enjoying a much better place and that we will meet her again one day.

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The Girls' Brigade and Activ8 - continued

What we do

We meet on Friday evenings from 6pm to 7.30, with the older teenagers staying on until 8pm. We start the evening with games - tag and stuck-in-the-mud being firm favourites. We move onto our Bible story and then the activities to reinforce the message. We have covered topics on The Coronation, Our Community, Self-Control, Creativity, Health and Our Planet.

Five members of our Group have completed their N:fluence (Young Leaders') Training. The most we have had in many years! They attended a training day in February and had to complete a challenge in their own time.

Seven of our older teenagers began their Duke of Edinburgh's Award during the year. There are 4 parts to the DofE Award: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and Expedition. The first 3 sections are individual activities to be undertaken over 3-6 months. The Expedition is a team effort. We have taken them on a practice walk and a practice weekend. A further practice weekend and the assessed weekend will take place this summer.

Highlights of the year

In May last year we visited Parker Meadows Care Home and joined the residents in potting up plants and sowing seeds. There were some brilliant conversations between our youngsters and the elderly residents.

Our Awards Evening was in July. We held it in the car park again and it was followed by a barbecue. Some 40 people attended to celebrate the year's achievements and enjoy burgers and hot dogs.

Our Group had not been away on camp for 4 years but this year all that changed. In August we went to Weymouth with 7 girls. We stayed at the Baptist Church, just a stone's throw from the lovely sandy beach. We visited Sealife, Monkey World, Sand World and Nothe Fort.

In October, we joined with other Groups in the District for a Fun Day. Games were played, craft was coloured and a balloon man demonstrated balloon-modelling.

We had a Light Party in November with games, a disco, food party bags and lots and lots of fairy lights! We learnt how Jesus came to be the Light of the World.

At Christmas we had a traditional Carol Service, attended by friends and family.

Every company evening, and district and national event includes a time of worship. In all our activities we strive to fulfil our **GB Aim**: 'To help girls (and boys) to become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life'.

Wendy Townrow (Team Leader)

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Oasis Group

We are a social group for adults with additional needs and their carers. We meet every Wednesday 10am until 12pm, with the exception of school holidays.

We have 9 members of our group who are accompanied by 7 carers, we occasionally get a few more carers if they are in training. Every week members' numbers vary due to illness or appointments.

It is a relaxed atmosphere where people can enjoy listening to music and have a chat with a cup of tea or coffee and cake. We have a range of puzzles and books which everyone can use and swap and share. We also play games such as dominoes, Connect4 and card games.

We have been doing some work in scrapbooks this year. It's been interesting finding out lots of new things about each other via pictures.

Crafting is popular, making cards, colouring, sewing and threading beads have also been enjoyed by all. We have a large tree poster which was made by Julia, and everyone helps to decorate it according to the seasons. We are all very proud of it.

We enjoy a sing song and have adopted the community song as our own. David Townrow has a skill at getting everyone singing, helped along with Wendy who knows all the actions.

In April 23 we had a trip to Petersfield Lake, looking at wildlife and a walk, followed by a meal in Poppins Cafe. The weather was a little crisp and windy, but it was good spending time together and warming up in the cafe. The lake is beautiful in any weather.

At Christmas we had a party when Father Christmas visited us with gifts. We also discovered that Lloyd loves sausage rolls and mince pies very much.

Lloyd has also become a regular worshipper, joining us on a Sunday morning. It is great to hear him singing along with the songs of praise and worship- I think his favourite song is How Great Thou Art.

We are always open to prayer requests as and when requested by our members and ask that you all remember Oasis in your prayers.

I would like to give a big thank you to David, Gill, Julia, Val and Wendy for all their help.

Liz Allison – leader.

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Junior Church Report 2023-2024

It has been delightful to see the numbers of children in Church increase during the year. There are now up to 7 children who attend Junior Church.

There are three Junior Church leaders at the present. My heartfelt thanks go to Liz Allison and Sarah Cartwright for being such stalwarts.

I have so enjoyed working with our 2 older children over the years, watching them develop along their spiritual paths. However, the Lord has increasingly laid on my heart the need to work with the younger children. By July I knew I had to change my focus.

From September I have taught a very simple lesson to the younger children, reading or telling a Bible story. Early on I discovered that they loved singing. And in the run up to Christmas, I introduced a simple craft. So, although initially I expected to just do a story and a prayer and that they would play for the rest of the session, the toys have not come out of the cupboard for several weeks now!

The parents of the younger children stay with them so that we don't need another leader. Liz and Sarah still help with the older two children when they come on alternate weeks.

We have looked at stories from Acts, and the parables and miracles of Jesus.

Please pray for our children and young people, that they will grow and develop their own relationships with God. I also urge you to pray for more leaders, who are able and willing to teach or help in Junior Church week-by-week.

It is our collective responsibility as a Church to help lead these children and young people to Christ. Jesus placed children at the centre when others would have marginalised them. Let us place them at the centre too, not indulging them but bringing them up to be responsible, disciplined Christian young people.

Children and young people are a vital part of the Church. We cannot be Church without them.

Wendy Townrow

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Little Angels Pre-School



Church Report

A New Year

We started the new school year in September 2023, once again after our school leaving children have gone on their new adventures to big school!

We had lots of new children joining us, Natalie is not an apprentice anymore, she is now our level 2 member of staff working full time. Sue has now retired, and Charlotte has left to start a new challenge at Harrison School.

Money has been a constant struggle as the Government funding for children we receive does not cover the full cost of a child's place and the national wage keeps going up! Because of this and as a way of trying to save money we had to take the decision to not replace Sue and Charlotte but to instead me (Lorraine) Sam and Michelle would work full time in the Pre-school room. This has meant a lot of our paperwork has to be done at home in our own time. We are lucky to have Annie in the office working and she keeps all our children's scrapbooks up to date.

It has been a challenging year with the children we have. We have a few children who have challenging behaviour and additional needs. This has put a strain on us all, when children have caused physical harm to us and other children. I thank my fantastic team for all their hard work and how we have all supported each other through this tough time and continue to do so.

Fundraising

We have been very lucky this year to have an old parent who has been volunteering 3 days a week, her name is Kirsty. She is fantastic with the children and has good knowledge of children's behaviours. The children love her and so do we! She started in September and soon fundraised on our Pre-school Facebook page for a wonderful water tray for outside as ours was broken. They are quite expensive to replace so a cost we couldn't afford. Kirsty sorted it all out and soon raised enough to buy it for us. Our children were delighted. Kirsty has also bought our children 2 mud kitchens, some bags of sand to go in our kitchen area, and lots of pens, mini note pads and chalks.

Our local school, Redlands, also came to visit us on a few occasions with the school council children. The children from there recently had a vote on somewhere in the community to raise money for and voted for Little Angels! They have raised £190 for us to buy our children a new sand pit which is fantastic as ours is broken. We thank them so much for this kind gesture.

Committee

Just before Christmas we lost one of our committee members, Mary, who died at a wonderful age of 90! She has been a part of our committee for many years and we appreciated all the time she has given us. We will miss her on the committee and send our thoughts to all her family.

We are still searching for a parent to join our committee and hope to find someone soon.

Students

We always like to support our local students in our area to help them with their learning and development. We offer placement opportunities to come and spend the week at Pre-school learning about children and the job. This year we have a student from Cams School who was brilliant with all the children. We have a further student from Cams coming and a student from Fareham Academy in June.

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Little Angels Pre-school – continued

Projection for next year

We have 35 children at the moment on our books. We will be losing 20 in July to go to school. We have some more children joining us after the Easter holidays and already have more children registered to join in September. After the Easter holidays, 2 year-old children of working families can now claim 15 hours funding from the government. We are hoping this will encourage more parents to register their children with us so we can build up our numbers more.

We are always looking for ways to improve our Pre-school so we can best support all our children, help their development and reach their full potential. That's the reason we do our job and why we are all passionate about it. We want each child who joins Little Angels to have a safe and happy place to learn.

Lorraine Hartley
Manager

Sunbeams

Sunbeams has been running approximately just over a year now and it is a group of like-minded people getting together each week to chat and have cups of tea and coffee while their children play. Kirstie and Liz both run this group together and currently we have 3 regular families who come along but are prayerful that more will join in the fun. We have recently celebrated Easter with an Easter craft, and the children are particularly interested in getting messy and we have recently been doing some biscuit decorating where more icing was consumed than used for decorating!

At Sunbeams we pride ourselves in being open to all and welcome all types of caregivers and their children. We ask for a donation of £1.50 per family which covers the cost of refreshments (usually biscuits and drinks) and we have a wide variety of toys available for each age range of child. We have recently been donated lots of new toys and games by the community which we are thankful for.

We'd value prayer for the growth of this group.

Thankyou.

Kirstie Dear

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Financial Review

The charity continues to be funded mainly through gifts and donations from members of the charity, plus income from the pre-school. Phases 1 & 2 of the building work have been completed. We are waiting to start on phases 3 to 5.

Reserves Policy

The trustees do not consider a reserves policy is required at this time. The situation is continually monitored in conjunction with the pre-school management team.

Future Developments

Looking to the future, the church is continuing to grow numerically. There is a continuing programme of social activities. We look towards being able to set a start date for the commencement of phase three of the building programme.

Weekly services are held on Sunday mornings, and have also been broadcast on Facebook, YouTube and recordings distributed on DVD/USB memory sticks.

Prayer meetings and other activities have taken place on Zoom.
We have seen several people regularly view services from outside the local area.
Offerings and donations, although reduced, have continued to be received.

We are confident that God will continue to sustain us going forward.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:


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Mrs M Rogers – Trustee

Date:

Fareham Baptist New Life Church

Consolidated Statement of Financial Affairs for the year ending 31st March 2024

<----- 2023/24 ----->				<----- 2022/23 ----->		
Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
Receipts						
	23,245	15,279	38,524	23,261	6,126	29,387
Church Offerings, Gifts and Donations				4,894	0	4,894
Income Tax recovered	4,766	0	4,766	0	100,976	100,976
Pre-school Grants, Fess & Subscriptions	0	108,740	108,740	465	0	465
Receipt from Hire of premises	620	0	620	5,637	0	5,637
Receipts from church activities & events	3,408	101	3,509	1,110	0	1,110
Other Activities & receipts	0	0	0	0	54	54
Investment Income	0	496	496			
	<u>32,039</u>	<u>124,616</u>	<u>156,655</u>	<u>35,367</u>	<u>107,156</u>	<u>142,523</u>
Payments						
	543		543	6,134		6,134
Ministerial costs, pensions & expenses	55		55	0		0
Visting Speakers	0		0	289		289
Pastoral expenses	0	7,625	7,625	0	7,885	7,885
Mission Support	3,034		3,034	2,905		2,905
Insurance	6,622		6,622	6,594		6,594
Utility Costs	1,486		1,486	1,803		1,803
Telephone, Printing & Stationary	3,548		3,548	2,270		2,270
Maintenance & Security	0	91,389	91,389	0	97,534	97,534
Little Angels Pre-school Wages	0	7,575	7,575	0	14,539	14,539
Little Angels Pre-school other Op Costs	3,756		3,756	8,468	0	8,468
Other (Church) Activity Expenses	1,475		1,475	6,451		6,451
Resources and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building Development Expenses						
	<u>20,519</u>	<u>106,589</u>	<u>127,108</u>	<u>34,914</u>	<u>119,958</u>	<u>154,872</u>
Excess of Receipts over (Payments)	11,520	18,027	29,547	453	-12,802	-12,349
Transfers between Funds						
	<u>11,520</u>	<u>18,027</u>	<u>29,547</u>	<u>453</u>	<u>-12,802</u>	<u>-12,349</u>
Bank and cash balances at 1st April	44,329	98,879	143,208	45,948	109,609	155,557
Bank and cash balances at 31st March	<u>55,849</u>	<u>116,906</u>	<u>172,755</u>	<u>46,401</u>	<u>96,807</u>	<u>143,208</u>
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES						
Cash Funds						
Cash at Bank and in hand	55,629	117,126	172,755	46,401	96,807	143,208
	<u>55,629</u>	<u>117,126</u>	<u>172,755</u>	<u>46,401</u>	<u>96,807</u>	<u>143,208</u>
Other Monetary Assets						
Liabilities						
Assets retained, Church use	132,004	2,600,000	2,732,004	116,971	2,033,404	2,150,375

Fareham Baptist New Life Church

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2024

to Accounts

Note	2023/24			2022/23		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
1 Receipts from hire of premises						
Elections	500		500	0		0
Other	120		120	465		465
	<u>620</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>620</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>465</u>
2 Mission Support						
BMS World Mission		1200	1200		1300	1300
BMS Home Mission		1200	1200		1200	1200
Noel & Mandy (formerly WEC)		2450	2450		3000	3000
MAF		600	600		700	700
Leporasy Mission		175	175		30	30
Masih Das & Sarita		0	0		250	250
Barnabus Fund		600	600		600	600
Wycliff Translators		600	600		600	600
Catherine Porter		550	550		0	0
Other		250	250		205	205
	<u>0</u>	<u>7625</u>	<u>7625</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7885</u>	<u>7885</u>

	Balance at 1st April	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31st March
3 Funds Movement					
General Fund	44,329	29,104	17,479	-2,277	53,677
Building Fund	40,900	15,279			56,179
Mission/Tithe Fund	717	101	7,625	7,677	870
Little Angels (current account)	19,655	108,739	98,964	-5,400	24,030
Little Angels (saver account)	35,535	496			36,031
Girls' Brigade	386	2,510	2,378		518
Holiday Fund	236	0	236		0
Oasis	822	343	391		774
Light & Life	628	67	35		660
Sunbeams	0	16	0		16
	<u>143,208</u>	<u>156,655</u>	<u>127,108</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>172,755</u>

4 Liabilities

There are no recognised liabilities

5 Assets retained

The fixed assets retained for Church use are the freehold church premises at Gosport Road, Fareham currently valued for insurance purposes at £2,600,000 together with furniture, fixtures and fittings of £132,004. The fixed assets of the church premises were previously reported as unrestricted, however it has come to light that there are restrictions on the buildings and land, hence this portion is now shown as restricted.

Approved by the Trustees of Fareham Baptist New Life Church on 15th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Signature:



Mr Hugh Ellis

Signature:



Mrs Myrtle Rogers

Dated:



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Fareham Baptist New Life Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)** 1145507

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

D. Standing

Date:

4th Jan. 2025

Name:

David Standing

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

Address:

12 The Moorings

Fareham

Hampshire. PO16 0TF

Section B

Disclosure

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

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