

**CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr Ed Jones Mr John Southam Mrs Glenys Cornwell Mrs Sarah Hamilton
Charity number (England and Wales)	1145655
Principal address	Battle Baptist Church Mount Street Battle East Sussex TN33 0EG
Independent examiner	Holland Harper LLP 26 High Street Battle East Sussex TN33 0EA

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are the advancement of the education (including spiritual development) of children below compulsory school age and the provision of facilities for recreation of such children in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life, by providing for all children without discrimination a safe and satisfying pre-school with a Christian environment where Christian beliefs and values are upheld. This will be in accordance with the mission of the church, which seeks to provide services to the community and to promote Christianity within it. The income and (at the discretion of the management committee) the capital of the Group shall be applied solely in furthering these objects. There has been no change in these objects during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure plus the estimated amounts of pay that would be due were the charity to make all its paid staff redundant. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr Ed Jones

Mr John Southam

Mrs Glenys Cornwell

Mrs Sarah Hamilton

All the trustees named above served throughout the year, except where stated. They form a management committee and under the constitution must be members of Battle Baptist Church. Up to two other persons can be co-opted on to the committee and elected as trustees.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr John Southam

Trustee

Dated:

CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Caterpillar Pre-School of Battle Baptist Church (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Holland Harper LLP

26 High Street

Battle

East Sussex

TN33 0EA

Date:

CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT*****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024***

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	139,927	118,824
Other income	4	-	165
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Total income		139,927	118,989
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	150,186	131,807
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Total expenditure		150,186	131,807
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net expenditure and movement in funds		(10,259)	(12,818)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		37,664	50,482
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Fund balances at 31 August 2024		27,405	37,664
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		38,637		45,246	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(11,232)		(7,582)	
Net current assets			27,405		37,664
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	11		27,405		37,664
			27,405		37,664

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on

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 Mr John Southam
Trustee

CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Caterpillar Pre-School of Battle Baptist Church is a unincorporated association governed by a constitution.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenses are shown inclusive of VAT.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held with banks.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.7 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024****3 Fees and grants**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees	29,405	28,989
Grants	110,522	89,835
	<u>139,927</u>	<u>118,824</u>
Grants		
Grants from East Sussex County Council	110,522	88,335
Apprentice grant	-	1,500
	<u>110,522</u>	<u>89,835</u>

4 Other income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry	-	165
	<u>-</u>	<u>165</u>

5 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	128,434	109,247
Training costs	712	799
Utilities	10,416	9,648
Insurance	846	807
Equipment and consumables	6,820	7,957
Stationery and telephone	344	1,020
Uniforms	477	226
Ofsted fees	35	35
DBS checks	127	166
Secretarial expenses and bookkeeping	1,495	1,440
Independent examiner's fee	480	462
	<u>150,186</u>	<u>131,807</u>
	<u>150,186</u>	<u>131,807</u>

CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**6 Net movement in funds****2024****2023****£****£**

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements

480

462

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024**2023****Number****Number**

Charitable work

8

6

Employment costs**2024****2023****£****£**

Wages and salaries

128,434

109,247

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**2024****2023****£****£**

Payments received on account

10,752

7,120

Other creditors

480

462

11,232

7,582

CATERPILLAR PRE-SCHOOL OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024****11 Unrestricted funds**

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	37,664	139,927	(150,186)	27,405
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Previous year:	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	50,482	118,989	(131,807)	37,664
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12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).