

## **Trustees Report 2023** Rachel Cook (secretary).

We have sought to serve the Lord and to minister to our members, congregation and the community, and there has been continuity of programme and purpose from previous years.

### Regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;

Our core activities have been public worship, preaching, teaching and Bible study in our services, Junior Church, youth groups and Life Groups. We continue to facilitate our recorded 'in person' services on our You Tube channel. We have facilitated attendance for worship at the building throughout the year. Our pastor and preachers have completed the series on the book of Hebrews and have commenced a series on moving to maturity as we started to consider the introduction of elders to the leadership team. Life groups have followed the teaching content from the pastor and leaders on the topics of the sermons..

### Baptism, as defined in the Union's Declaration of Principle;

We have witnessed 5 people declare their faith in Christ by being baptised..

### The Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;

We have held monthly shared communion services through the year in addition to quarterly at the 9:15 services and monthly at our evening prayer meetings. Members of the leadership team have conducted communion services in homes for those of our congregation who are housebound or unable to attend because of illness/isolation. We have received 6 people into church membership at these services.

### Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally

Our schools worker continues to facilitate teaching, assemblies and after school clubs in several schools. Our puppet team have visited care homes, schools and nurseries.. As part of our outreach, we facilitated a Summer Activities Programme during 2023 which culminated in a Fun Day in September. This was funded by £2665 from a church gift day. We have continued Fun Family Friday every fortnight, which provides a free hot meal, teaching and socialisation for families with children. This is funded from the church youth budget.

### The teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people.

We include and involve young people in our services by having a 10-15-minute slot in the morning services particularly applicable to young people and this also forms part of our You Tube services. Junior church has also been facilitated each week. A staffed creche runs during the 11am morning service. The Puppet team have continued regular meetings. On week days there are 3 organisations catering for young people "Ignite" (years 11-16); NUTS (Year 7-18yrs) and Fun Family Friday for families with children of any age. We have adopted and regularly commit to our Safeguarding Policy. Youth activities are funded by the church and have used £3291 of our budget.

### Nurture and growth of Christian disciples

We have endeavoured to nurture young Christians with 1-to-1 nurturing. We also run Baptismal classes and Life Groups to encourage the nurturing and growth of Christian disciples. Life groups have met regularly during the year. There are monthly groups for men and ladies offering peer support and Bible Study. We offer a 6 week Christianity Explored course for those seeking to know more about the Christian faith.

### Education and training for Christian and community service

We encourage Christian and community service and offer education and training via other organisations. We support one of our members who works as a Primary Schools Worker.

### Giving and encouraging pastoral care;

We have sought to give and to encourage pastoral care for all those who attend the church and those who are not members. Deacons are elected as people with, amongst other things, "a pastoral heart" but this responsibility is shared across the church and the pastoral care team. Life Groups also play a key role in pastoral care.

### Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad

We have supported and encouraged charitable action in the United Kingdom; and some members of the church are involved in, Grimsby Shoeboxes as well as Good News for Everyone, LIVES, SASRA and other charitable work. The puppet team donated proceeds from their Christmas events to local charities.

Several of our members have involvement with Safe Families who support families at points of crisis in their lives both practically and emotionally in the local area and Safe Families report that 20 families in the area have been supported by these people. One of our church members is employed by Safe Families.

We run a weekly carer & child lunchtime gathering for friendship and support called TOTS GB. Weekly attendance at this group continues to grow. This is open to both the church and the community. This group is funded by the youth budget

We run a group called CAMEO, aimed at senior citizens, which promotes fellowship and freedom from isolation and loneliness. This group is funded by the church.

We have installed a community defibrillator at our premises.

#### Encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

We have supported Baptists and other Christians in a variety of ways. We have a link with the Baptist Missionary Society and have supported students and staff of the New Tribes Mission College. £28,666 of our income was given to the Baptist Home Mission Fund, the Baptist Missionary Society and to Christian workers in long and short term mission both locally, regionally and internationally.

**GRIMSBY BAPTIST CHURCH****STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 & NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****FIXED ASSETS**

	<b><u>2023:£p</u></b>	<b><u>2022:£p</u></b>
Land & buildings at Laceby Road (sum insured)	2,867,224	2,604,170
Contents (sum insured)	140,435	127,551
96 Laceby Road Grimsby (PV: 07.19)	115,000	115,000

**CURRENT ASSETS**

	<b><u>£p</u></b>
General Fund	11,468.07
Operating Reserve	<u>25,000.00</u>
	<b><u>36,468.07</u></b>

**Represented by:-**

	<b><u>£p</u></b>
Co-operative Bank plc Community Direct Plus Account	9,429.81
COIF Charities Deposit Fund C03072312-001	22,733.13
COIF Charities Deposit Fund C03072313-001	116.83
COIF Charities Deposit Fund C03072314-001	<u>4,188.30</u>
	<b><u>36,468.07</u></b>

**Notes to the Accounts**

		<b><u>£p</u></b>
Average weekly giving	2023	1,819.84
	2022	1,546.83

**A. 96 Laceby Road Grimsby**

	<b><u>£p</u></b>
Gross rental income	1440.00
Repairs/maintenance	1521.16
Council Tax	509.66
Insurance	<u>564.80</u>
Net Rental Income	2595.62
Refurbishment costs	<u>8057.76</u>
	10653.38



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

St Mary's  
St Mary's Baptist Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no.  
(if any) 1146535

Set out on pages

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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 146 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 146(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 give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 126 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:

*Karen Lyth*

Date:

06/03/24

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Karen Lyth

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(if any):

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