



Trustees Report 2024 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. Our leadership team now incorporates pastor, elders and deacons and we are considering the appointment of an assistant pastor.

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 YouTube channel. We have facilitated attendance for worship at the building throughout the year. Our pastor and preachers have completed the series on Moving to Maturity, and an Advent series and are presently leading teaching on 'Jesus on Life', (the Sermon on the Mount). Life groups have followed the teaching content from the pastor and leaders on the topics of the sermons. We have facilitated a new group, 'Rooted' for the youth which meets on Sunday evenings. This group has both social and bible study components.

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 9:15am services and monthly at our evening 'in person' prayer meetings. Members of the eldership 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 10 people into church membership at communion services.

Evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally

Our schools worker, now semi-retired continues to facilitate teaching and assemblies in several schools, now on a voluntary basis. The pastor also leads assemblies in some local schools. We facilitated a school visit day at the church building which included both educational and recreational components.. Our puppet team have visited care homes, schools, nurseries, additional needs groups and the local hospice. As part of our outreach, we facilitated a Summer Activities Programme during 2024 which culminated in a Fun Day in August. This was funded by £2066 from the church budget and specified donations. After a short break, we have continued Fun Family Friday fortnightly, which provides a free hot meal, teaching and socialisation for families with children. This is funded from the church budget. We financially support 5 church members engaged in New Tribes Mission.

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 YouTube 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 2 organisations catering for young people "Ignite" (years 11-16); 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 £2955 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.

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. Elders and 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 a local charity. We facilitate the collection and delivery of donations from church attendees to a local food bank.

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. One of our church members is employed by Safe Families.

We run a weekly carer & child afternoon 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 church budget

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

We maintain a community defibrillator at our premises. This is registered with the national network.

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. £25,911 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 - ACTUAL v BUDGET 1 January to 31 December 2024
Budget

Opening Balance	
Income	
Collections	
Donations	
SASRA	
HM Revenue&C	13500.00
96 Laceby Road Rent	2160.00
Fun Day	
Sundry	
Interest	1200.00
Total Income	<u>16860.00</u>

Expenditure		
Ministry	Sal/NIC/Pen	44012.00
Travel costs		200.00
Visiting speakers		500.00
96 Laceby Road	Insurance/Maintenance	1770.00
Church premises	Cleaning	5000.00
	Insurance	3600.00
	Maintenance	5000.00
	Gas	1500.00
	Electricity	7500.00
	Water	450.00
	Telephone/BB	770.00
Streaming Services		2500.00
Photocopier/Posters/Stationery		1000.00
Training aids/books		200.00
Furniture/equipment		1000.00
Licences/Subscriptions		3000.00
Conferences/courses		200.00
Wine/Tea/Coffee		1175.00
Outreach		4000.00
Sundries		700.00
Missions		9000.00
Christian workers		21036.00
Community support		500.00
Youth Council		3500.00
Cameo		<u>150.00</u>
Total expenditure		118263.00

Balance
Operating Reserve
Property Reserve
96 Laceby Road Reserve
Available Funds

Actual average weekly collection	2021.43
Budget Requirement	1950.06

Actual

36468.07

105114.49

3825.00

289.11

17759.64

2340.00

1235.00

519.30

1050.67

132133.21

132133.21

168601.28

44017.96

1089.95

1015.25

2773.82

5521.30

3450.23

8076.05

1340.00

5639.98

509.32

742.72

2957.73

866.88

637.03

3805.54

2740.00

1185.00

1814.18

4266.46

4392.26

9000.00

16911.00

1512.11

2955.00

134.75

127354.52

127354.52

41246.76

25000.00

12000.00

2340.00

1906.76



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

Grimsby Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any) 1146520

Set out on pages

1 to 4

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 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

Name:

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