

Twynholm Baptist Church

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Reports and Accounts

year ended 5 April 2023

Registered charity number: 1146843

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Legal and administrative details

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Governing document

Constitution dated 28 March 2012
as amended September 2013 and February 2016

Charity registration number

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Trustees

M Gilbert-Smith
S Newman
J Shepherd
A Mpasi

Custodian trustees

London Baptist Property Board

Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc
CAF Bank Ltd

Independent examiner

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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 5th April 2023.

Objects of the charity

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by preaching the gospel and teaching the Bible in the area surrounding Twynholm Baptist Church.

Government

The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Trust.

New trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees, having been appointed by the members of Twynholm as elders or additional Trustees.

In November 2023 Steve Newman was elected as a trustee, and David Wilson stepped down as a trustee.

Review of Activities

Throughout the 2022-23 financial year, the church premises and resources were used predominantly for the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This occurred primarily through two services on Sundays and other events for adults, youth and children regularly held at Twynholm. In the previous year, some provision was made for online access to church services. We have taken the decision this year to cease from online access in order to prioritise gathering in person, as we believe this is important for our church family life. We have however made sermons from our morning services available on the website.

Within the church building are five flats of varying sizes. These are rented mainly to members of the church with priority given to those in a training role or capacity (i.e., those in theological college or employed by the church). Preference is also given to tenants from outside the congregation's members who are working for mission organisations and would be greatly blessed and encouraged with more affordable accommodation in London. After meeting running and maintenance costs, all income generated by the renting of the flats was expressly used for the same purpose as the offerings given by the church membership - for the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Substantial repairs to the building have taken place this year, including replacement of the flat roof on the main worship hall. In the following year (2023-2024) we have budgeted for ongoing works including installation of secondary glazing in the four front flats.

During the year there has been a demonstration of the Christian faith in action by serving the community in which it operates in the ways as noted above.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

For the financial year 2022/23, the church received £238,357 (2021/22: £228,600) and paid out £282,829 (2021/22: £205,250). As a result, cash on hand at the year-end decreased by £44,472 to £109,251. Due to high reserves and the need for substantial renovations, we had budgeted a deficit of £81,023, so are well ahead of this budget. The trustees consider this is a strong basis upon which to pursue the church's objectives.

Income is slightly higher than the previous year and also higher than the budgeted figure of £227,652.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted cash held by the charity should be maintained at approximately £40,000, which represents about 2.5 months of unrestricted on-going expenditure. This level of reserves would help ensure that the church could continue to operate should income and/or expenditure vary unexpectedly. At the year end the church's unrestricted cash was above this at £95,275.

Since the reserves are comfortably above the minimum desired figure we have proposed another deficit in the 2023/2024 budget year to further reduce reserves. However, we are aware that we cannot continue with budget deficits indefinitely and so have proposed a reduction in staffing from 4 to three, not planning to replace one of our pastoral assistants who is planning to leave in the summer of 2023 in order to assume a smaller budget proposal for 2024/2025.

Safeguarding policy

Since 2016, the trustees have had in place a safeguarding policy for children. This was reviewed and updated in 2023.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on 21 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Michael Gilbert-Smith
Michael Gilbert-Smith

21 January 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Twynholm Baptist Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Twynholm Baptist Church ('the charity') for the year ended 5 April 2023 on pages 5 to 9 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and 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.

Stuart Moffatt FCA
21 January 2024

Receipts and payments account

	Notes	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	2023	2022
		General funds	Designated funds			
Income receipts						
Donations, legacies and grants		75,798		22,581	98,379	99,449
Gift aid receipts		17,027			17,027	14,640
Church events		620			620	0
Rental income		119,352		2,730	122,082	112,143
Other		249			249	2,368
		213,046	0	25,311	238,357	228,600
Capital and similar receipts						
Loan received					0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts		213,046	0	25,311	238,357	228,600
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	220,588		40,310	260,898	172,088
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	4	21,681		250	21,931	20,495
		242,269	0	40,560	282,829	192,583
Loans repaid						
					0	12,667
		0	0	0	0	12,667
Total payments		242,269	0	40,560	282,829	205,250
Net of receipts/ (payments) before transfers						
		(29,223)	0	(15,249)	(44,472)	23,350
Transfers between funds		0	0		0	0
Net movement in funds		(29,223)	0	(15,249)	(44,472)	23,350
Cash funds as at last year end		126,998	0	26,725	153,723	130,373
Cash funds at this year end		97,775	0	11,476	109,251	153,723

The notes on pages 7-9 form part of these accounts.

Statement of assets and liabilities

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	2023	2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
Cash funds					
Cash at bank with immediate access	97,775		11,476	109,251	153,723
	<u>97,775</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,476</u>	<u>109,251</u>	<u>153,723</u>
Other monetary assets					
Gift Aid due to charity	12,248			12,248	17,027
Rent debtors	1,600			1,600	1,600
Other debtors including deposits				0	3,287
	<u>13,848</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,848</u>	<u>21,914</u>
Liabilities					
Independent Examination fees	100			100	100
Staff expenses				0	1,287
Pension contributions				0	0
Other creditors				0	2,072
	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>3,459</u>
Assets retained for charity's own use				Value	
Manse				417,280	
Equipment & contents				343,694	
				<u>760,974</u>	

The Trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The market value of the manse is estimated to be between £1 million and £1.3 million; this property is occupied by the church's senior leader (see note 4 in the notes to the accounts). In addition, the church occupies rent-free premises legally owned by the London Baptist Property Board. This property includes the church building and five flats with an insurance value of £4,390,400. A room in one of these flats was occupied by the assistant pastor during the 22/23 financial year (see note 4 in the notes to the accounts); the remaining flats are rented principally to other individuals or organisations involved in Christian ministry or mission.

The accounts were approved on 21 January 2024 by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Michael Gilbert-Smith
Michael Gilbert-Smith

The notes on pages 7-9 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		
	General funds	Designated funds		2023	2022
Employment costs (Note 4)	79,137		20,004	99,141	80,765
Property costs	61,574		3,900	65,474	64,694
Building project costs	43,478		15,427	58,905	
Ministry Expenses	6,872			6,872	7,865
Church Events	2,594			2,594	707
Bank charges	316			316	199
Licenses, Subscriptions, etc	942			942	1,193
Phone, postage, stationery etc	4,730			4,730	3,313
Training, Conferences, First Aid, etc	12,337			12,337	5,309
Refreshments/Church hospitality/Food supplies	3,022			3,022	2,263
Church Assets - PA equipment /computer etc	3,001			3,001	2,643
Benevolence			979	979	
Legal costs	389			389	2,217
Sundry Expenses	2,196			2,196	920
	220,588	0	40,310	260,898	172,088

Notes to the accounts (cont.)

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		
	General funds	Designated funds		2023	2022
Grants for:					
Individuals	5,500		250	5,750	5,750
Institutions	16,181			16,181	14,745
	21,681	0	250	21,931	20,495

The grants to institutions amounting to more than £1,000 in the year were

	2023	2022
Latin America Missions Trust	7,750	7,000
Hope Church Aviemore	5,086	4,500
Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches	1,845	1,845
	14,681	13,345

4 Employees

The charity had 4 (2022: 3) full-time equivalent employees to whom the employment costs above refer.

5 Transactions with related parties

Mr Gilbert-Smith was paid a salary of £34,387 (2022: £32k) and the church paid pension contributions of £5,158 (2022: £5k) for him for serving as a church leader, not as a trustee. In addition he occupies a manse rent-free.

Mr A Mpasi was paid a salary of £20,255 (2023: £19k) and the church paid pension contributions of £2,431 (2023: £2k) for him for serving as the assistant church leader, not as a trustee. In addition Mr Mpasi occupied a room in one of the church flats rent-free.

The payments to Mr Gilbert-Smith and Mr Mpasi are permitted by the church's governing document.

Except for the reimbursement of expenses, no other amounts were paid to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

Notes to the accounts (cont.)

6 Movement on funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Benevolence Fund	0	2,460	(979)	0	1,481
Lift Fund	4,500			0	4,500
Roof Fund	15,427		(15,427)	0	
New Building Project	898	117		0	1,015
Staff Training	0	20,004	(20,004)	0	
Rent deposits	5,650	2,730	(3,900)	0	4,480
Other restricted funds	250		(250)	0	
Total Restricted	26,725	25,311	(40,560)	0	11,476
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated funds				0	
General Funds	126,998	213,046	(242,269)	0	97,775
Total unrestricted	126,998	213,046	(242,269)	0	97,775
Total funds	153,723	238,357	(282,829)	0	109,251

Restricted income has been received for the following purposes:

- Benevolence Fund: represents monies received to support various church members or those in the community who are in need.
- Lift Fund: represents monies received for the installation of a disabled lift in the church basement.
- Roof Fund: represents monies received to renovate the church roof.
- New Building Project: represents monies received to fund major works to church property.
- Staff Training: represents monies received from the FIEC and Fulham & South Kensington YMCA for staff training costs.