

TOWNHILL BAPTIST CHURCH (SWANSEA)

England & Wales · Charity number 1148030

Details

Other names	TOWNHILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2012-07-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN SWANSEA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: The charity provides many activities of benefit to the public. In addition to our regular Sunday services and weekly prayer meeting and Bible study, we also have a weekly kids club, basic skills classes to the community, a weekly toddler group, a bi-weekly youth group and regular free family fun days.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of Swansea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£50,852	£47,673	-	-
2024-03-31	£49,553	£67,943	-	-
2023-03-31	£55,831	£60,435	-	-
2022-03-31	£52,966	£57,036	-	-
2021-03-31	£59,446	£46,130	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW TREVOR BROWN		2012-07-06
Dr John Idris Baker		2018-01-17
Dr ROBERT GEOFFREY WELLINGTON		2012-07-06
Michael Freeman		2024-07-10
Philip James Tamlyn		2023-01-25

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Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity name: Townhill Baptist Church (Swansea)

Charity registration number: 1148030

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Church for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in Swansea and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The church is committed to sharing the message of Jesus Christ with the community. We use our building to provide a wide range of activities to benefit the community. To facilitate our community work, we take care of and maintain our council-owned building. Our activities as a charity take account of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We seek to know God more in our lives through prayer, praise, reading and applying God's Word (the Bible) and to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ and to know Him more in their lives. The church buildings provide many activities of benefit to the public. In addition to our regular Sunday services and weekly prayer meeting and Bible study, we also have a weekly club for children from Reception to Year 6 and a bi-weekly youth club open to children from Year 6 to Year 13. A toddler group runs once a week and is open to all children and their carers from the community. Looking back over the year (April 2024-March 2025)

		Our Friday Fun Club has had another successful year, with attendance remaining steady at around 25 children per week. The Christian gospel message is shared each week by various leaders, and it is usually well received by the children. Craft and activity time aim to be fun, varied and age-appropriate. Craft time is also an opportunity to have a drink and snack, and answer the children's questions about faith or praise the children's creativity. We have welcomed a few new children, and we hope that the older ones will move up into the Friday Youth Group. We continually thank God for his safekeeping and know that the church is praying for us as a group. Teenagers have enjoyed volunteering alongside their parents, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh or Welsh BAC awards. During this year we have continued to have over 40 different children at Townhill Toddlers, with the spring term often hosting 20 or more toddlers per week along with their parents, grandparents and carers, although a number of children have now left to start school or Flying Start. During the sessions we have play, singing, snack and craft. We do not charge for our toddler group, but there is a collection box which is divided between replacing low cost items (such as batteries and felt pens) and buying chicks and bees for a developing country through Samaritan's Purse, as chosen by the children. We have had some attendance in church from those who attend Toddlers, and some older siblings attending the Friday Fun Club. We have also been able to support a very vulnerable family, and been part of the care plan for their support. Toddlers continue to be a lovely group where carers socialise along with the children. The number of young people of comprehensive school age attending Friday Youth Group has been consistent. The numbers have varied from 4 to 18, but there are usually about 10-12 young people attending. All of the young people who now attend are from the community and one of these attends church on a Sunday morning regularly. The behaviour has been good and a growing relationship between the young people and leaders has led to minimal behavioural issues and an increasing number of personal questions in response to the
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		gospel message. These questions can be very personal and are dealt with sensitively. The club has changed in nature with fewer organised games such as volleyball and more individual games such as table tennis, pool and table top games. The change in games works best for the current group of young people, some of whom do not want to participate in a team game. Some young people will just enjoy having hot chocolate and a chat with leaders. Craft is undertaken by the majority of young people. There is a consistent group of adults who run the club and work very well together. We are grateful to God that the young people now listen attentively to the gospel talk, ask meaningful questions and offer good answers to questions. The talk is usually given by two of the leaders. Our prayer is that each of these young people will become Christians, that the safety of all will be maintained, and that there will be enough helpers to keep this gospel work going. As a church, we seek to be positive about disability inclusion. We are linked to the Roofbreaker project run by the Christian disability charity 'Through the Roof' whose main aim is 'transforming lives through Jesus with disabled people'. Kerry and Phil Tamlyn are the church Roofbreaker contacts, seeking to be available to discuss any disability issues and find solutions. The Good News group is a monthly inclusive service for adults with additional needs. This year, we have been exploring the gospel of Mark using simple communication approaches, including reading short passages in easy to read versions of the bible. We seek to create a safe environment for members to honestly express their thoughts and questions. Some of our members would describe themselves as believers, others would not, but it is a safe space to think about important things. We have seven regular members (up from six last year) who have consistently attended since we started in 2020 and have formed strong friendships with each other. This year, we have also welcomed a new member who lives in the local area. We encourage social interaction through games, refreshments and informal chats. We celebrate birthdays and hold some parties throughout the year at Christmas, Easter and summer. All our
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		members also regularly attend Sunday services at the church, knowing their needs will be understood and that they are welcome. After the service, our members really enjoy the refreshments and opportunity to chat with people. Christmas, Easter and Summer parties were held for the children and parents of Toddlers, Kids Club and Youth Club, plus families with whom there has been past contact. Held during the Kids Club slot on Friday, the parties include crafts, games, competitions (with prizes), refreshments and a short talk. Attendance has been around 50-60 children, and feedback from parents is overwhelmingly positive. The children are given a themed goody bag as they leave. The church has remained active in seeking to reach people in the local community through informal networks, including those which had previously been established through the former church worker, and to offer practical and spiritual help where we can. We aim to maintain an informal presence in local community activities including Phoenix Fun Days and the Bonfire Night fireworks display where many people gather near to the church building, offering small gifts and literature for local children. Our Christmas and Easter services are publicised locally by word of mouth, through the church's regular activities, by leaflets delivered to local homes, and at Christmas by carol singing on Graiglwyd Square. As a result they have been attended by local people not normally connected to the church. The church building The church continues to carry out maintenance and improvement work as part of our stewardship of the church building, including necessary improvements to reflect updated fire safety advice and to bring the building up to the high standards expected for buildings used by the public. In the coming years we will seek, finance permitting, to carry out further work recommended in a building survey we commissioned. We remain open to discussion with organisations which share our aims and which would like to hire our building, extending its usefulness to the
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		community. Missionaries supported We continue to support a number of missionaries and the organisations with which they work, in prayer, and by sharing information with members some of whom are led to support their work financially. We are grateful to God that we can share in the work of these missionaries, bringing the good news of Jesus to people here in the UK and around the world. We receive regular updates including prayer requests. We have continued to have brief updates from one of our missionary organisations at our mid-week meeting, ensuring we pray for them all on a regular basis. Due to a fall church income, we have had to make the difficult decision to review the financial support for the missionaries. We have communicated with all the missionaries and/or the organisation to find out how much of an impact any change in our giving might have. We have been able to establish that the impact on most will be minimal and the respective missionaries/organisations have been informed of the change in our financial support. We will continue to support them in prayer and will review the position regarding existing and new avenues to support, if and when our financial position changes. The Asiku family spent a Sunday morning at the church during their home leave in January, and a church lunch provided opportunity for church members to ask more detailed questions and to get to know them better.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit: • they are aware of the guidance • they have taken it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant • if they have decided to depart from the guidance, they have demonstrated that they have good reasons for doing so

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No statement provided.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No statement provided.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Much of the work in our church is carried out on a voluntary basis. We give thanks to God that he has provided many gifted people to work in the church and we continue in prayer for more workers.
Other		• The church currently has 14 members • Between 10 and 40 people regularly come to our Sunday Services including children from the community and people from countries who are part of the global majority. • A core group of 25 children come to our children's club each week • 12-15 teenagers enjoy the youth club • An average of 20 children come to Townhill Toddlers.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Summary Despite financial challenges, Townhill Baptist Church remains committed to its charitable objectives and continues to play an active role in the local community, providing spiritual guidance and practical support to its members and the wider public. The Lord has enabled us to maintain a presence in the community during a difficult time, we have been able to respond to the needs of families and individuals, and more importantly been able to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Community Engagement and Outreach • Maintained regular Sunday services with 10-40 attendees, including community members and international participants • Operated weekly children's and youth clubs, serving approximately 25 children

		weekly (over 97 different children throughout the year) and 12-15 teenagers respectively • Hosted a well-attended toddler group, supporting over 40 different children throughout the year • Continued the Good News group, an inclusive monthly service for adults with additional needs We had 7 regular members plus 1 new member this year Special Events and Activities • Community "parties" at the end of each term, with attendance of 50+ children from Toddlers, Kids Club and Youth Club, alongside some parents. • Participated in Phoenix Fun Day, distributing gospels and goodie bags, and inviting families to church activities. • Distributed over 200 goodie bags during Fireworks Night, promoting church events. • Hosted inclusive Christmas carol and Easter services, attracting both regular attendees and newcomers. • Used informal table setups at services to encourage conversations and community building. • Ran a Christianity Explored course with people from the church. Missionary Support • Continued support for various missionaries through prayer and financial contributions • Regular missionary updates during mid-week meetings
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	No statement provided.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No statement provided.
		No statement provided.

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		No statement provided.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The church experienced a small surplus this year, with expenditures exceeding income by £3,178.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	- Our Special Reserve is for real emergencies e.g., significant building repairs, loss of ongoing donations if a number of members were to leave at the same time, or if there was a significant change in the financial circumstances of several members. By maintaining this reserve, the church can continue its work for some time whilst dealing with serious financial pressures such as these. When we spend part of the special reserve, we need to set the budget in the following years to restore it. - Our General Reserve funds such things as maintaining the manse, the church building, the minibus, the church laptop, the dishwasher, church chairs and the church projector. - The reserves of the church mean that the church does not face a crisis if there's a major expense such as replacing the heating system or the church roof and provides funds to take advantage of short-term opportunities. A survey of the church building has identified work that needs to be carried out, and some of the reserve is being used for this purpose as well as continuing with the required maintenance on the manse. - As in previous years, we will also maintain at least £2000 in our current account to ensure we are always in credit.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	- Our Special Reserve is maintained at half our annual spending. For the new 2025/2026 financial year it will be set at £24,000. - Our General Reserve for the coming year will begin at around £29,350. Our General Reserve is currently decreasing, and we will need to restore a balance between income and expenditure.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	No statement provided.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No statement provided.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	No statement provided.
Other		The church has continued to implement its Safeguarding Policy and all those working with children and vulnerable adults have up to date DBS checks and will receive training from the ThirtyOneEight (previously Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) in Child Protection and safeguarding.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	While existing trustees are responsible for recruiting new trustees, they actively seek input and recommendations from both elders and deacons in this process. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify members of the church who are willing to volunteer their time and effort. Potential trustees can be invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities. If all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence and specialist knowledge/skills.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that new trustees are aware of their Trustees' responsibilities under the Charities Act.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	No statement provided.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No statement provided.
Other		No statement provided.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Townhill Baptist Church (Swansea)
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1148030
Charity's principal address	Powys Avenue Townhill Swansea SA1 6PH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	John Idris Baker	Elder		Church Members' Meeting
	2	Andrew Trevor Brown	Deacon and Treasurer		Church Members' Meeting
	3	Allan David Rees	Elder	1st April 2023 - 30th November 2023	Church Members' Meeting
	4	Robert Geoffrey Wellington	Elder		Church Members' Meeting
	5	Philip Tamlyn	Deacon		Church Members' Meeting
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	None.		
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		
	Not applicable		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable.

Other optional information

No statement provided.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)		
	Full name(s)		
	Position (eg		
	Secretary, Chair, etc)		
	Date		



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st April 2024

To

31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and grants	48,913	575	-	49,488	49,129
	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings Hire	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings Rent Received	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	14	-	-	14	-
Sales	-	-	-	-	71
Vehicles - Sales	850	-	-	850	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Received	500	-	-	500	353
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,276.71	575	-	50,851.71	49,553
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,277	575	-	50,852	49,553

A3 Payments

Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities (Sundays & Midweek)	322	-	-	322	3,155
Activities (Good News Group)	102	-	-	102	118
Activities (Kids Club)	74	-	-	74	317
Activities (Townhill Toddlers)	4	-	-	4	106
Activities (Youth)	7	-	-	7	39
Activities (Special events)	411	-	-	411	779
Activities (Mission)	-	575	-	575	5,500
Activities (Food Bank)	-	-	-	-	1,786
Activities (Food)	13	-	-	13	165
Activities (Licencing)	237	-	-	237	227
Activities (Misc)	-	-	-	-	-
Activities (Accommodation)	-	-	-	-	-
Financial Hardship Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries (Community Worker)	-	-	-	-	11,175
Salaries (Pastor)	27,823	-	-	27,823	11,639
Training	60	-	-	60	131
	-	-	-	-	-
Other Payments					
Administration Fees	689	-	-	689	2,587
Advertising and publicity	486	-	-	486	336
Buildings Fixtures and Fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Church Insurance	1,197	-	-	1,197	1,034
Manse Insurance	364	-	-	364	1,070
Church Maintenance	7,924	-	-	7,924	4,561
Manse Maintenance	929	-	-	929	8,624
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
Church cleaning	1,040	-	-	1,040	1,040
Cleaning supplies	146	-	-	146	132
Electricity (Church)	535	-	-	535	537
Electricity (Manse)	-	-	-	-	121
Equipment Maintenance (General)	24	-	-	24	-
Equipment Maintenance (SS)	230	1	-	230	15/11/2023 34

Gas (Church)	1,519	-	-	1,519	1,930
Gas (Manse)	-	-	-	-	163
ICT Hardware	271	-	-	271	-
ICT Software	433	-	-	433	144
Internet - Connection	654	-	-	654	619
Internet - Hosting	103	-	-	103	115
Legal costs	332	-	-	332	618
Publications	-	-	-	-	35
Stationery and Supplies	146	-	-	146	151
Minibus Fuel	50	-	-	50	286
Minibus Insurance	-	-	-	-	1,051
Minibus Maintenance	750	-	-	750	3,630
Minibus Tax	-	-	-	-	165
Council Tax (Manse)	-	-	-	-	2,348
Water (Church)	219	-	-	219	252
Water (Manse)	-	-	-	-	122
Sub total	47,098	575	-	47,673	67,943
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,098	575	-	47,673	67,943
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,178	-	-	3,178	- 18,390
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	50,219	-	-	50,219	68,609
Cash funds this year end	53,397	-	-	53,397	50,219

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	100	-	-
	Current	22,157	-	-
	Deposit	31,140	-	-
	Total cash funds	53,397	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Gift Aid	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Freehold property (Church Manse)		-	-
	Toys		1,500	150
	Laptop		800	160
	Football equipment		500	50
	Church library		3,000	50
	Audio/Visual equipment		5,750	1,150
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Townhill Baptist Church.

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1148030

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- 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
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

S BUNCE

Date:

25/9/20

Name:

SARAH BUNCE

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

Address:

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The church is committed to sharing the message of Jesus Christ with the community. We use our building to provide a wide range of activities to benefit the community. To facilitate our community work, we take care of and maintain our council-owned building. Our activities as a charity take account of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We seek to know God more in our lives through prayer, praise, reading and applying God's Word (the Bible) and to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ and to know Him more in their lives. The church buildings provide many activities of benefit to the public. In addition to our regular Sunday services and weekly prayer meeting and Bible study, we also have a weekly club for children from Reception to Year 6 and a bi-weekly youth club open to children from Year 6 to Year 13. A toddler group runs once a week and is open to all children and their carers from the

	community. A Friends and Neighbours group is held once a week reaching and supporting members of the community. Looking back over the year (April 2023-March 2024) Our Friday Fun Club has had another successful year, with attendance remaining steady at around 25 children per week. The Christian gospel message is shared every week by various leaders, and it has always been well received by the children, most of them listening well. Craft and activity time are always fun and exciting, and many children get extremely creative and excited to show off the crafts that they have produced. We have seen a few new children come into the group and we hope that the older ones will move up into the Friday Youth Group. We continually thank God for his safe keeping and know that the church is constantly praying for us as a group. We provide snacks for the children every week and at Easter and Christmas we give gifts to the children. During the year we have had over 40 different children at Townhill Toddlers, with the spring term often hosting 20 or more toddlers per week along with their parents, grandparents and carers. During the sessions we have play, singing, snack and craft. We had Easter and Christmas parties for the children and parents and gave them gifts. We do not charge anything for our toddler group, but we took a collection for Samaritan's Purse so that as a toddler group we could buy some chicks and bees for a developing country. We are grateful for a couple of Christians among those who attend. We have had some attendance in church from those who attend Toddlers, and some older siblings attending the Friday Fun Club. The number of young people of comprehensive school age attending Friday Youth Group has been consistent. The numbers have varied from 4 to 18, but there are usually about 12-15 young people attending. The majority of young people who now attend are from the community while at the start of the year it was a roughly 50:50 split between church and community young people. There are some young people who attend very regularly and have
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		formed a core group of well behaved youngsters. The behaviour has been good and a growing relationship between the young people and leaders has led to minimal behavioural issues and an increasing number of personal questions in response to the gospel message. The club has changed in nature with less organised games such as volleyball and more individual games such as table tennis, pool and table top games. The change in games works best for the current group of young people, some of whom do not want to participate in a team game. Some young people will just enjoy having hot chocolate and a chat with leaders. Craft is undertaken by the majority of young people. The two remaining young people from the church are now much more active as leaders rather than attendees and their presence has been a big help in organising, preparing and maintaining a calm atmosphere. We are grateful to God that the young people now listen very attentively to the gospel talk, ask meaningful questions and offer very good answers to questions. The talk is given by a number of different leaders. Our prayer is that each of these young people will become Christians, that the safety of all will be maintained, and that there will be enough helpers to keep this gospel work going. As a church, we seek to be positive about disability inclusion. We are linked to the Roofbreaker project run by the Christian disability charity 'Through the Roof' whose main aim is 'transforming lives through Jesus with disabled people'. Kerry and Phil Tamlyn are the church Roofbreaker contacts, seeking to be available to discuss any disability issues and find solutions. The Good News group is a monthly inclusive service for adults with additional needs. This year, we have been exploring the gospel of Mark using simple communication approaches, including reading short passages in easy to read versions of the bible. We seek to create a safe environment for members to honestly express their thoughts and questions. Some of our members would describe themselves as
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	believers, others would not, but it is a safe space to think about important things. We have six regular members that have consistently attended the group since it started in 2020 and have formed strong friendships with each other. This year, we have also welcomed a new member who lives in the local area. We encourage social interaction through games, refreshments and informal chats. We celebrate birthdays and hold some parties throughout the year at Christmas, Easter and summer. All our members also regularly attend Sunday services at the church, knowing their needs will be understood and that they are welcome. After the service, our members really enjoy the refreshments and opportunity to chat with people. Several avenues of community work and outreach have continued during the year to 31.3.2024. Our community worker finished several years' service with the church in December 2023, and until that time he was actively involved in supporting a number of people with whom he'd had contact via local community centres and networks. He was also leading the food share scheme hosted by the church with the support of a grant from the local authority and practical support from the church (with some financial support earlier in the project). This scheme finished in March 2023 once the allocated grant funds were exhausted, with support for onward referrals to other local schemes, and the church is still in supportive contact with some of the people who had been supported through it. The local FAN (Friends and Neighbours) group continued to meet in the church, supported by the now former church worker and others from the church, as a means of reaching and supporting a number of people locally. The church has remained active in seeking to reach people in the local community through informal networks, including those which had previously been established, and to offer practical and spiritual help where we can. A new initiative this year has been the community "parties" to replace the Saturday Fun Days, which have made good use of our limited time, energy and resources. These
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	take place during the Friday Fun Club time slot, with parents and older/younger siblings invited to stay. The first “light” party around Halloween was open to Friday Fun Club and Youth Club, with the Christmas and Easter parties opened to Toddlers. Games, activities, crafts, competitions and refreshments are provided free of charge, with a very short message at the end. Attendance has been consistent at around 50 children. Phoenix Fun Day (May 2023) – the church had a table with some free gospels and goodie bags, with some church members also wandering the field as the number of workers permitted. There were opportunities to invite children and young people to clubs, to reconnect with some families and to have a few conversations about spiritual issues. Fireworks Night – over 260 bags distributed to families watching the fireworks from Pantycelyn Road. The goodie bags contained glow sticks, a small packet of sweets, a balloon and a leaflet publicising church activities. Our Christmas carol service was attended by people with whom we’ve had contact over the years, as well as a few newcomers through the distributed leaflets. The service was designed to be inclusive with as wide a variety of church members as possible, including members of the Good News Group. The informal table set-up enabled good conversations over refreshments at the end. Our Easter service was publicised to the community by leaflets and through the clubs etc., with a few visitors. The informal table set-up enabled good conversations over refreshments at the end, which included cakes, hot chocolate and chocolate eggs for the children. Anne Rees continued with her English Classes until these classes finished at the end of 2023 and the Ladies’ Bible Study continued to meet until it also finished at the end of 2023. The church building The church continues to carry out maintenance work on the building as part of
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		our stewardship of the building. In the next few years we will carry out further work recommended in a building survey we commissioned. We continue to seek new organisations who are compatible with our aims and who would like to hire our building thus extending our services to the Townhill community. Missionaries supported We continue to support a range of missionaries and their organisations, all through prayer and most also with some financial support. We are very grateful to God that we can share in the work of these missionaries, bringing the good news of Jesus to people here in the UK and around the world. We receive regular updates including prayer requests. We have recently started to have a brief update from one of our missionary organisations each week at our mid-week meeting, ensuring we pray for them all on a regular basis. Due to a fall church income, we have had to make the difficult decision to review the financial support for the missionaries. We have communicated with all the missionaries and/or the organisation to find out how much of an impact any change in our giving might have. We have been able to establish that the impact on most will be minimal and the respective missionaries/organisations have been informed of the change in our financial support. We will continue to support them in prayer and will review the position regarding existing and new avenues to support, if and when our financial position changes.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit: • they are aware of the guidance • they have taken it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant • if they have decided to depart from the guidance, they have demonstrated that they have good

		reasons for doing so
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No statement provided.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No statement provided.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Much of the work in our church is carried out on a voluntary basis. We give thanks to God that he has provided many gifted people to work in the church and we continue in prayer for more workers.
Other		• The church currently has 14 members • Between 10 and 40 people regularly come to our Sunday Services including children from the community and people from countries who are part of the global majority. • A core group of 25 children come to our children's club each week • 12-15 teenagers enjoy the youth club • An average of 20 children come to Townhill Toddlers.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Summary Despite financial challenges, Townhill Baptist Church remains committed to its charitable objectives and continues to play an active role in the local community, providing spiritual guidance and practical support to its members and the wider public. The Lord has enabled us to maintain a presence in the community during a difficult time, we have been able to respond to the needs of families and individuals, and more importantly been able to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Community Engagement and Outreach ● Maintained regular Sunday services with 10-40 attendees, including community members and international participants ● Operated weekly children's and youth clubs, serving approximately 25 children and 12-15 teenagers respectively ● Hosted a well-attended toddler group, supporting over 40 different children throughout the year ● Continued the Good News group, an inclusive monthly service for adults with additional needs We had 6 regular members plus 1 new member this year Special Events and Activities ● Introduced community "parties" replacing Saturday Fun Days, with attendance around 50 children. ● Participated in Phoenix Fun Day, distributing gospels and goodie bags, and inviting families to church activities. ● Distributed over 260 goodie bags during Fireworks Night, promoting church events. ● Hosted inclusive Christmas carol and Easter services, attracting both regular attendees and newcomers. ● Used informal table setups at services to encourage conversations and community building.

		Missionary Support ● Continued support for various missionaries through prayer and financial contributions ● Implemented new regular missionary updates during mid-week meetings
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	No statement provided.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No statement provided.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No statement provided.
Other		No statement provided.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	● The church experienced a significant deficit this year, with expenditures exceeding income by £18,390.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	● Our Special Reserve is for real emergencies e.g., significant building repairs, loss of ongoing donations if a number of members were to leave at the same time (as has recently happened), or if there was a significant change in the financial circumstances of several members. By maintaining this reserve, the church can continue its work for some time whilst dealing with serious financial pressures such as these. When we spend part of the special reserve, we need to set the budget in the following years to restore it. ● Our General Reserve funds such things as maintaining the manse, the church building, the minibus, the church laptop, the dishwasher, church chairs and the church projector. ● The reserves of the church mean that the church does not face a crisis if there's a major expense such as replacing the heating system or the church roof and provides funds to take advantage of short-term opportunities. A survey of the church building has identified work that needs to be carried out, and some of the reserve is being used for this purpose as well as continuing with the required maintenance on the manse. ● As in previous years, we will also maintain at least £2000 in our current account to ensure we are always in credit.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	● Our Special Reserve is maintained at half our annual spending. For the new 2023/2024 financial year it will be set at £28,550. ● Our General Reserve for the coming year will begin at around £40,000. Our

		General Reserve is currently decreasing, and we will need to restore a balance between income and expenditure.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	No statement provided.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No statement provided.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	No statement provided.
Other		The church has continued to implement its Safeguarding Policy and all those working with children and vulnerable adults have up to date DBS checks and will receive training from the ThirtyOneEight (previously Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) in Child Protection and safeguarding.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	While existing trustees are responsible for recruiting new trustees, they actively seek input and recommendations from both elders and deacons in this process. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify members of the church who are willing to volunteer their time and effort. Potential trustees can be invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities. If all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence and specialist knowledge/skills.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that new trustees are aware of their Trustees' responsibilities under the Charities Act.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	No statement provided.

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	No statement provided.
Other		No statement provided.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Townhill Baptist Church (Swansea)
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1148030
Charity's principal address	Powys Avenue Townhill Swansea SA1 6PH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	John Idris Baker	Elder		Church Members' Meeting
	2	Andrew Trevor Brown	Deacon and Treasurer		Church Members' Meeting
	3	Allan David Rees	Elder	1st April 2023 - 30th November 2023	Church Members' Meeting
	4	Robert Geoffrey Wellington	Elder		Church Members' Meeting
	5	Philip Tamlyn	Deacon		Church Members' Meeting
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	None.		
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		
	Not applicable		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable.

Other optional information

No statement provided.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

		Signature(s)		
		Full name(s)		
		Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
		Date		



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st April 2023

To

31st March 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
Donations and grants	47,184	1,945	-	49,129	55,556
Other trading activities					
Buildings Hire	-	-	-	-	45
Buildings Rent Received	-	-	-	-	-
Other income					
Other income	-	-	-	-	190
Sales	71	-	-	71	-
Investments					
Interest Received	353	-	-	353	40
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	47,608	1,945	-	49,553	55,831
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	47,608	1,945	-	49,553	55,831

A3 Payments

Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities (Sundays & Midweek)	3,155	-	-	3,155	1,751
Activities (Good News Group)	118	-	-	118	83
Activities (Kids Club)	317	-	-	317	242
Activities (Townhill Toddlers)	106	-	-	106	243
Activities (Youth)	39	-	-	39	188
Activities (Special events)	779	-	-	779	918
Activities (Mission)	5,055	445	-	5,500	6,073
Activities (Food Bank)	286	1,500	-	1,786	1,905
Activities (Food)	165	-	-	165	88
Activities (Licencing)	227	-	-	227	-
Activities (Misc)	-	-	-	-	-
Activities (Accommodation)	-	-	-	-	-
Financial Hardship Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries (Community Worker)	11,175	-	-	11,175	8,705
Salaries (Pastor)	11,639	-	-	11,639	8,147
Training	131	-	-	131	566
Other Payments					
Administration Fees	2,587	-	-	2,587	569
Advertising and publicity	336	-	-	336	654
Buildings Fixtures and Fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Church Insurance	1,034	-	-	1,034	924
Manse Insurance	1,070	-	-	1,070	747
Church Maintenance	4,561	-	-	4,561	3,363
Manse Maintenance	8,624	-	-	8,624	11,469
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
Church cleaning	1,040	-	-	1,040	1,048
Cleaning supplies	132	-	-	132	7
Electricity (Church)	537	-	-	537	535
Electricity (Manse)	121	-	-	121	74
Equipment Maintenance (General)	-	-	-	-	9
Equipment (General)	1,134	-	-	1,134	910
Gas (Church) accounts (SS)	1,930	1	-	1,930	15/06/2024

Gas (Manse)	163	-	-	163	74
ICT Hardware	-	-	-	-	147
ICT Software	144	-	-	144	7
Internet - Connection	619	-	-	619	407
Internet - Hosting	115	-	-	115	107
Legal costs	618	-	-	618	470
Publications	35	-	-	35	-
Stationery and Supplies	151	-	-	151	165
Minibus Fuel	286	-	-	286	300
Minibus Insurance	1,051	-	-	1,051	1,022
Minibus Maintenance	3,630	-	-	3,630	3,059
Minibus Tax	165	-	-	165	165
Council Tax (Manse)	2,348	-	-	2,348	3,136
Water (Church)	252	-	-	252	78
Water (Manse)	122	-	-	122	134
Sub total	65,998	1,945	-	67,943	60,435

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	65,998	1,945	-	67,943	60,435
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 18,390	-	-	- 18,390	- 4,604
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,609	-	-	68,609	-
Cash funds this year end	50,219	-	-	50,219	- 4,604

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	149	-	-
	Current	19,430	-	-
	Deposit	30,640	-	-
	Total cash funds	50,219	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Gift Aid	6,525	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Freehold property		-	-
	Minibus		12,165	-
	Toys		1,500	150
	Laptop		800	320
	Football equipment		500	50
	Church library		3,000	50
	Audio/Visual equipment		5,750	2,300
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



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

Townhill Baptist church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st march 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1148030

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

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

Signed:

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Date:

9.7.24

Name:

SARAH BUNCE

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

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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.

TOWNHILL BAPTIST CHURCH (SWANSEA)

England & Wales - Charity number 1148030

Accounts

	Trustees' Annual Report for the period								
	From	Period start date			To	Period end date			
		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month		Year
	1st	April	2022		31st	March	2023		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Townhill Baptist Church (Swansea)
Other names charity is known by	

Registered charity number (if any)	1148030	
	Powys Avenue	
	Townhill	
	Swansea	
	Postcode	SA1 6PH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Idris Baker	Elder		Church Members' Meeting
2	Andrew Trevor Brown	Deacon and Treasurer		Church Members' Meeting
3	Allan David Rees	Senior Elder		Church Members' Meeting
4	Robert Geoffrey Wellington	Elder and Secretary		Church Members' Meeting
5	Philip Tamlyn	Deacon	25 th January 2023	Church Members' Meeting
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Ms Sarah Bunce	1 Dynevor Place, Skewen, Neath SA10 6RG

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Members' Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees, but in doing so, the trustees seek the views and recommendations of both elders and deacons.

In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify members of the church who are willing to volunteer their time and effort. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities. If all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence and specialist knowledge/skills.

Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that

new trustees are aware of their Trustees' responsibilities under the Charities Act.

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and keep these risks under review. An annual health and safety check is carried out looking at the activities and premises of the church and all employees and members working with children have current Disclosure and Barring Service checks and Child Protection training as part of our Safeguarding Policy.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Church for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in Swansea and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The church is committed to engaging with the community with the message of Jesus Christ. We use our building to provide a wide range of activities to benefit the community. To facilitate our community work, we take care of and maintain our council-owned building. Our activities as a charity take account of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We seek to know God more in our lives through prayer, praise, reading and applying God's Word (the Bible) and to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ and to know Him more in their lives.

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Looking back over the year (April 2022-March 2023)

With the pandemic thankfully over our activities have been able to return to normal. The **Friday Fun Club** had a great year with a steady increase in our numbers averaging 30 children each week. We've not been able to offer pickup this year with our church minibus, but the benefit of this has been increased contact with parents and carers. We initially presented our kids talks using PowerPoint but then switched back to 'live' Bible-based talks presenting the gospel in an easy to understand and child-friendly way. The talks include stories, songs and games. We provide snacks for the children every week and at Easter and Christmas we give gifts to the children.

During the year we have had 28 different children at **Townhill Toddlers**, averaging 18 per week along with their parents, grandparents and carers coming through the doors. During the toddler sessions we have play, singing, snack and craft. We had Easter and Christmas parties for the children and parents and gave them gifts. We do not charge anything for our toddler group, but we took a collection for Samaritan's Purse so that as a toddler group we could buy some chicks and bees for a developing nation. The church has also held a free accredited first Aid Course which some of our toddler parents attended and found invaluable.

The **Friday Youth Group** had around 15 young people on average attending very consistently throughout the year. There are two distinct groups: one consisting of the young people from the church and the others from the community. At least half a dozen young people come in each time from the community. We have seen several new faces attending and some have invited friends. Some of these have also attended our services Sunday mornings. There are always games and some alternative craft activity for the young people along with refreshments and a gospel message. The behaviour is good, and they listen very attentively to the story and Bible message. Their willingness to listen to these talks is a measure of the progress we have made and the relationships that have been built with the youth. We thank God for His grace in this opportunity to share the good news with all these young people.

We have held **Good News group**, a monthly inclusive service for adults with additional needs throughout 2022 and 2023. We have seven regular members who attend most sessions. Using simple communication and visual aid, we have explored: 'Who is Jesus?', key messages at Easter and Christmas, parables, creation and the fall, and have reminded ourselves how the good news of the gospel applies to our lives. Some of our members would describe themselves as believers, others would not, but it is a safe space to think about important things. We have seen some friendships developing within the group and all the members have felt confident to attend Sunday services at church, knowing their needs will be understood and that they are welcome. We use the church minibus to assist members with transport both to Sunday services and to **Good News Group**, as we recognised that travel can often be a barrier to inclusion. We are very glad for each person who has benefited from **Good News Group** and hope to continue to offer specialised meetings and support to be part of the wider church community.

As a church, we seek to be positive about disability inclusion. We are linked to the **Roofbreaker** project run by the Christian disability charity 'Through the Roof' whose main aim is 'transforming lives through Jesus with disabled people'. Kerry and Phil Tamlyn are the church **Roofbreaker** contacts, seeking to be available to discuss any disability issues and find solutions.

The **community outreach work** at the church has continued to bear fruit and prove very effective in both being a practical help in the community and reaching people with the gospel. The **foodbank** has continued over the last year, and we have to date been able to help 50 households and 6 other charities/ groups with supplies of food to people who have faced hard times during the cost-of-living crises post pandemic. We continue to collect surplus food from two Tesco stores, Sainsburys and Greggs. This surplus food is put to good use among families living in Townhill and Mayhill. The church has partly funded the provision food along with grant funding we have secured. We continue to work well with the local authority and on several occasions, we have been asked to provide support to vulnerable

people, augmenting and supporting the statutory input needed in peoples' lives. The outreach work has seen several families and individuals join the congregation which has allowed us to provide greater pastoral and practical help such as household maintenance decorating repair etc. It has proved very effective in building relationships and people becoming part of a community.

During the past year we have had the privilege of hosting a weekly **FAN (Friends And Neighbours) group**. The group is aimed at people for whom English is a second language. It is a place where people get an opportunity to meet and make friends with others and to practise conversational English in an informal relaxed environment. The meeting has proved to be a great success with numbers ranging from 3 to 10. Relationships that have been built have proved very important and have allowed us as a church to get to know people and provide further help and support.

We have been blessed to see the fruits of our outreach through the various group activities, our fellowship has grown and our impact on the community has recovered to pre-pandemic levels and perhaps even surpassed what we were doing previously. To God be the glory great things he has done.

Anne Rees reports that two students unfortunately left her **English Classes** during the year due to personal difficulties, however two joined and one other remains as a long-term student. Following the pandemic Anne is switching back to meeting in person over in the church as this is a far better way to teach the second language beginners. The third long-term student is receiving help to read and is showing much improvement over the past year.

The **Ladies' Bible Study** has grown over the year and has another new member; it is very encouraging to explore God's word together. In addition to the online class, copies of the notes used in these meetings are sent out online for those who were unable to attend, and for others who request them.

The church building

The church continues to carry out maintenance work on the building as part of our stewardship of the building. We hired the building out to Swansea Council for a meeting this year. In the next few years we will carry out further work recommended in a building survey we commissioned. We continue to seek new organisations who are compatible with our aims and who would like to hire our building thus extending our services to the Townhill community.

Missionaries supported

We are very grateful to God that we can share in the work of the missionaries we support by prayer, email communication and finance.

We continue to support a range of missionaries and their organisations during this year through prayer and financial support. We receive regular newsletters from most of them. We have recently begun a separate prayer meeting where we can pray more specifically for each mission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Much of the work in our church is carried out on a voluntary basis. We give thanks to God that he has provided many gifted people to work in the church and we continue in prayer for more workers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- The church currently has 16 members and between 15 and 60 people regularly come to our Sunday Services including children from the community and people from countries who are part of the global majority. A core group of 30 children come to our children's club each week, 15 teenagers enjoy the youth club and an average of 19 children come to Townhill Toddlers.

During the past year as we along with other organisations looked to recover from the effects of the pandemic, we were able once again to hold the following outreach events. The pandemic still had a bit of a hangover into the beginning of the year and did have an impact on our planning of fundays and special events.

- We celebrated Easter together with a service which was well attended and distributed chocolates to families connected with the church.
- Our Christmas Carol service was very well attended.
- We were able to have a lunch together during the year with some attending from groups connected to the church.
- Towards the end of the year we had had a quiz and social evening on St David's Day.

The Lord has enabled us to maintain a presence in the community during a difficult time, we have been able to respond to the needs of families and individuals, and more importantly been able to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

- The church has continued to implement its Safeguarding Policy and all those working with children have up to date DBS checks and will receive training from the ThirtyOneEight (previously Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) in Child Protection and safeguarding.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

- Overall, the church posted a small surplus this year (our receipts exceeded our payments by £4,604).
- Our Special Reserve is maintained at half our annual spending. For the new 2023/2024 financial year it will be set at £28,550. This is for real emergencies e.g., significant building repairs, loss of ongoing donations if a number of members were to leave at the same time, or if there was a significant change in financial circumstances of several members. By maintaining this reserve, the church can continue its work for some time whilst dealing with serious financial pressures such as these. When we spend part of the special reserve, we need to set the budget in following years to restore it.
- Our General Reserve for the coming year will begin at around £40,000. The General Reserve funds such things as maintaining the manse, the minibus, the church laptop, the dishwasher, church chairs and the church projector.
- The reserves of the church mean that the church doesn't face a crisis if there's a major expense such as replacing the heating system or the

Details of any funds materially in deficit

church roof, and provides funds to take advantage of short-term opportunities.

- As in previous years, we will also maintain at least £2000 in our current account to ensure we are always in credit.

Not applicable.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- This financial year reflects the final effect of regular donors who left the church, which is the main reason for our **fall in receipts and in particular, regular donations which were down by 5% or around £2000 per year**. Although the collection box has been back in the hall now for a year, cash donations are much reduced from the levels before the pandemic. We continue to be able to claim tax back on Gift-Aided donations which amounted to £7413.75 in 2022/2023, **which was around the same as the previous financial year**.
- We have **received a small amount from a single hire of the church building this year but are not yet renting the manse**. The manse could generate £750 per calendar month in rent.
- Interest rates have risen rapidly during the 2022/2023 financial year with interest received on bank balances higher than the previous year. Interest rates continue to rise, so we can expect more income from interest in the new financial year.
- The church **received a £1600 grant this year in support of the Food Bank from Swansea Council**. If anyone knows of any potential grants we can apply for, please contact one of the trustees.
- Other income is Wi-Fi equipment sold to members at second hand value after our new broadband supplier replaced our Wi-Fi points.
- We continue to employ our **Community Worker** who has used his initiative well to engage with the community as detailed above.

Section F

Other optional information

Nothing to report.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)		
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
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Date	
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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

1st April 2022

To

31st March 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
Donations and grants	51,947	3,609	-	55,556	52,957
				-	
Other trading activities					
Buildings Hire	45			45	
Buildings Rent Received				-	
				-	
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	190	-	-	190	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Received	40	-	-	40	9
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,222	3,609	-	55,831	52,966
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,222	3,609	-	55,831	52,966

A3 Payments

Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities (Sundays & Midweek)	1,751	-	-	1,751	1,616
Activities (Good News Group)	83	-	-	83	-
Activities (Kids Club)	242	-	-	242	98
Activities (Townhill Toddlers)	243	-	-	243	479
Activities (Youth)	188	-	-	188	47
Activities (Special events)	918	-	-	918	775
Activities (Mission)	5,583	490	-	6,073	5,000
Activities (Food Bank)	8	1,897	-	1,905	1,703
Activities (Food)	88	-	-	88	8
Activities (Licencing)		-	-	-	168
Activities (Misc)		-	-	-	-
Activities (Accommodation)		-	-	-	-
Financial Hardship Assistance		-	-	-	523
Salaries (Community Worker)	8,705	-	-	8,705	14,008
Salaries (Pastor)	8,147	-	-	8,147	3,219
Training	566	-	-	566	-
		-	-	-	
Other Payments					
Administration Fees	569	-	-	569	567
Advertising and publicity	654	-	-	654	914
Buildings Fixtures and Fittings		-	-	-	-
Church Insurance	924	-	-	924	883
Manse Insurance	747	-	-	747	321
Church Maintenance	3,363	-	-	3,363	2,063
Manse Maintenance	11,469	-	-	11,469	4,815
Bank charges		-	-	-	-
Church cleaning	1,048	-	-	1,048	1,120
Cleaning supplies	7	-	-	7	70
Electricity (Church)	535	-	-	535	282
Electricity (Manse)	74	-	-	74	193
Equipment Maintenance (General)	9	-	-	9	-
Equipment (General)	910	-	-	910	8,499
Gas (Church)	1,947	-	-	1,947	2,159
Gas (Manse)		-	-	-	
Gas (Other) accounts (SS)	74	1	-	74	08/09/2023 37

ICT Hardware	147	-	-	147	20
ICT Software	7	-	-	7	169
Internet - Connection	407	-	-	407	431
Internet - Hosting	107	-	-	107	96
Legal costs	470	-	-	470	278
Publications	-	-	-	-	-
Stationery and Supplies	165	-	-	165	32
Minibus Fuel	300	-	-	300	15
Minibus Insurance	1,022	-	-	1,022	1,001
Minibus Maintenance	1,540	1,519	-	3,059	1,793
Minibus Tax	165	-	-	165	165
Council Tax (Manse)	3,136	-	-	3,136	3,086
Water (Church)	78	-	-	78	147
Water (Manse)	134	-	-	134	136
Sub total	56,529	3,907	-	60,435	57,036

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	56,529	3,907	-	60,435	57,036
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,307	- 297	-	- 4,604	- 4,070
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,916	297	-	73,213	-
Cash funds this year end	68,609	-	-	68,609	- 4,070

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	149	-	-
	Current	38,173	-	-
	Deposit	30,287	-	-
	Total cash funds	68,609	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Gift Aid	6,796	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Freehold property		-	-
	Minibus		12,165	2,433
	Toys		1,500	150
	Laptop		800	480
	Football equipment		500	50
	Church library		3,000	50
	Audio/Visual equipment		5,750	3,450
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Townhill Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1148030

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

28th September
2023

Name:

Sarah Bunce

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

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Address:

1 Dynevor Place

Skewen

SA10 6RG

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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TOWNHILL BAPTIST CHURCH (SWANSEA)

England & Wales - Charity number 1148030

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day

1st

Month

April

Year

2021

To

Period end date

Day

31st

Month

March

Year

2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Townhill Baptist Church (Swansea)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1148030

Powys Avenue

Townhill

Swansea

Postcode

SA1 6PH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Idris Baker	Deacon		Church Members' Meeting
2	Andrew Trevor Brown	Deacon and Treasurer		Church Members' Meeting
3	Allan David Rees	Senior Elder		Church Members' Meeting
4	Robert Geoffrey Wellington	Elder and Secretary		Church Members' Meeting
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Sarah Jane Bunce	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Philip Tamlyn	10 Gower Street, Llansawel, SA11 2SW

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Members' Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees but in doing so the trustees seek the views and recommendations of both elders and deacons.

In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify members of the church who are willing to volunteer their time and effort. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence and specialist knowledge/skills.

Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that

new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act.

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and keep these risks under review. An annual health and safety check is carried out looking at the activities and premises of the church and all employees and members working with children have current Disclosure and Barring Service checks and Child Protection training as part of our Child Protection Policy.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Church for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in Swansea and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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Looking back over the year (April 2021-March 2022)

The pandemic continued to have an impact on the children's work, and we were unable to resume face to face activities until September 2021. Since our return, the outreach to younger youth has moved from a Wednesday to a Friday evening. The **Friday Fun Club** has not been as well publicised as we would have wished as schools rightly still had restrictions on visitors.

However, we have made a good start with 30 children having attended during the last six months of the year. The children have enjoyed craft sessions, Games, singing, dancing, and most importantly been able to hear the Christian gospel clearly presented.

Townhill Toddlers returned to church in September 2021. Prior to this we were unable to meet due to the COVID restrictions. Prior to opening our doors again we compiled a risk assessment and a list of all the safety measures needed to minimise the risk of exposure to COVID for the carers and toddlers and the church workers, and we followed government guidelines in these areas.

Since reopening we have had many children and parents, grandparents and carers coming through the doors. They found the isolation of COVID hard with such young children and have expressed their relief at having a toddler group to attend. During the toddler sessions we have play, singing, snack and craft. We held Easter and Christmas parties with gifts for the children and parents. We do not charge anything for our toddler group, but we took a collection for Samaritan's Purse so that as a toddler group we could buy some chicks and bees for a developing nation.

The **Friday Youth Group** started the year with almost all church children but now youth from the Hill come regularly. It can be a challenge to meet the wide range of needs for the group, but this is taking shape and developing. The games are fun and enjoyed by the youth and it's a great opportunity to share the good news of the gospel with this age group.

In February 2020, we started the **Good News group**, a monthly inclusive service for adults with additional needs. We held two meetings, attended by a total of seven adults with additional needs before lockdown. We have maintained contact with some of these adults during lockdown.

As a church, we seek to be positive about disability inclusion. We are linked to the **Roofbreaker** project run by the Christian disability charity 'Through the Roof' whose main aim is 'transforming lives through Jesus with disabled people'. Kerry and Phil Tamlyn are the church **Roofbreaker** contacts, seeking to be available to discuss any disability issues and find solutions. For example, a boy with additional needs was struggling to cope with Sunday school classes: a new rota was set up to provide 1:1 support and a withdrawal area with bean bag/sensory tools. As a result, he began to positively engage with Sunday school classes again.

During lockdown, Kerry and Phil attended zoom events with **Roofbreakers** from around the UK discussing how churches can effectively support people with disabilities during/after the pandemic. We hope to resume our Good News Group where people can connect with each other over cake, listen to a simple accessible message about Jesus and join in inclusive worship. The church has been added to an online map on the Through the Roof website so that disabled people looking for a church are able to find us and make contact about their needs if they would like to visit/attend.

During the year we set up a **food bank** which operates every Saturday morning delivering to up to 10 homes and, over the year we have been able to help 94 people. We have set up collections of surplus foods from Tesco and Greggs; we are registered with the environmental health dept with a 5-star food hygiene rating. These collections were augmented through grant funding which allowed us to purchase staple foods from a local supermarket providing a good, rounded, food parcel to those in need.

We have continued to support families and homes we relate to by:

- Helping with home decorating
- Support to apply for benefits
- Support dealing with housing and helping people get settled
- Support for the vulnerable, in conjunction with the local authority.

- Help applying for jobs
- Help to understand and complete training courses to maintain employment
- Support to attend hospital appointments
- Making doctors' appointments

We also continue to support the community and liaise with other agencies on the Hill.

Anne Rees has been greatly encouraged with the progress of all the students in **English lessons** despite not being able to meet at the church. Lessons have been conducted on a one-to-one basis over the telephone. This has proved to be far more effective than teaching them together, considering their varying degrees of ability. Some have opted for audio only, while others have enjoyed Facetime. Either way has been successful.

The **Ladies' Bible Study** has taken place on Zoom on a weekly basis, which has catered for a small number of ladies, which is understandable as it is during the day when many ladies are at work. The ladies that attend find it helpful, particularly as it includes a time to pray for one another and share our personal issues and encouragements, which in turn edify and build us up in the faith.

This **Youth Bible Study** is held fortnightly using Zoom and is attended by the youth of the church, although it is open to all interested youngsters. The youth find it difficult to engage and we look forward to being able to meet again in person. Nevertheless, the young people have continued to come, which is positive.

The church building

The church carried out a much-needed upgrade to the audio-visual system in the church building and this has been a great help as we've emerged from the pandemic restrictions and are now able to hold hybrid events with people in the church building and simultaneously taking part on Zoom or watching on YouTube. As we hope to return to some kind of normality, we seek new organisations who are compatible with our aims and who would like to hire our building thus extending our services to the Townhill community.

Missionaries supported

We are very grateful to God that we can share in the work of the missionaries we support by prayer, email communication and finance.

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- On **Bonfire Night** we put together 500 goody bags for children who came to see the fireworks. Each bag contained a postcard highlighting that we seek to reach out to the community with the gospel.
- At **'Carols at Christmas'** we provided families known to us with a box of sweets and an invitation to join us at Christmas and again we sent out 500 invitations to homes around the church.

The Lord has enabled us to maintain a presence in the community during a difficult time, we have been able to respond to the needs of families and individuals, and more importantly been able to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

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Other optional information

Having suspended face to face meetings before being obliged to do so at the start of the pandemic, and having established successful online meetings, the church adopted a cautious approach to reopening in person. Four main considerations were in play:

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2 Judgment & proportionality. We exercised this judgment according to our understanding of advice on the changing risk locally from time to time and with a sense of proportion, mindful of changing use of distancing and face covering in other settings

such as schools, workplaces and shops. With the increasingly clear evidence on airborne transmission, we initially used open windows to maintain airflow and then added air filtration to minimise the risk while reducing the discomfort and cost of heat loss from open windows.

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4 A phased approach. Still facing some uncertainty about what was safe, we decided to restart activities one at a time so that we could learn at each stage before moving further. In person Sunday morning services started first in April 2021, then some youth activities. Sunday evening services and midweek prayer meetings remained online only for the time being.

We're grateful for everyone's patience and for the hard work behind the scenes to make these steps possible, and above all we're grateful to God for the safety and freedom we've experienced as we look forward to returning to a fuller range of activities.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

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Date

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from 1st April 2021

To

31st March 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
Donations and grants	50,362	2,595	-	52,957	59,325
Other trading activities					
Buildings Hire	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings Rent Received	-	-	-	-	-
Other income					
Vehicles - Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Investments					
Interest Received	9	-	-	9	121
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,371	2,595	-	52,966	59,446
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,371	2,595	-	52,966	59,446
A3 Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities (Sundays & Midweek)	1,616	-	-	1,616	500

Activities (Kids Club)	98	-	-	98	-
Activities (Townhill Toddlers)	479	-	-	479	-
Activities (Youth)	47	-	-	47	-
Activities (Special events)	775	-	-	775	298
Activities (Mission)	4,405	595	-	5,000	6,565
Activities (Food Bank)	-	1,703	-	1,703	-
Activities (Food)	8	-	-	8	-
Activities (Licencing)	168	-	-	168	-
Activities (Misc)	-	-	-	-	-
Activities (Accommodation)	-	-	-	-	90
Financial Hardship Assistance	523	-	-	523	-
Salaries (Community Worker)	14,008	-	-	14,008	10,598
Salaries (Pastor)	3,219	-	-	3,219	12,343
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Other Payments					
Administration Fees	567	-	-	567	489
Advertising and publicity	914	-	-	914	270
Buildings Fixtures and Fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Church Insurance	883	-	-	883	810
Manse Insurance	321	-	-	321	296
Church Maintenance	2,063	-	-	2,063	3,290
Manse Maintenance	4,815	-	-	4,815	217
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
Church cleaning	1,120	-	-	1,120	880
Cleaning supplies	70	-	-	70	33
Electricity (Church)	282	-	-	282	271
Electricity (Manse)	193	-	-	193	82
Equipment Maintenance (General)	-	-	-	-	6
Equipment (General)	7,499	1,000		8,499	270
Gas (Church)	2,159	-	-	2,159	624
Gas (Manse)	137	-	-	137	111
ICT Hardware	20	-	-	20	1,394
ICT Software	169	-	-	169	387
Internet - Connection	431	-	-	431	456
Internet - Hosting	96	-	-	96	103
Legal costs	278	-	-	278	743
Publications	-	-	-	-	-
Stationery and Supplies	32	-	-	32	48
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle - Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Minibus Fuel	15	-	-	15	30
Minibus Insurance	1,001	-	-	1,001	978
Minibus Maintenance	1,793	-	-	1,793	1,059

Minibus Tax	165	-	-	165	165
Council Tax (Manse)	3,086	-	-	3,086	2,977
Water (Church)	147	-	-	147	143
Water (Manse)	136	-	-	136	4
Sub total	53,739	3,298	-	57,036	46,130

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	53,739	3,298	-	57,036	46,130
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,367	- 703	-	- 4,070	13,316
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	76,283	1,000	-	77,283	-
Cash funds this year end	72,916	297	-	73,213	13,316

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	169	-	-
	Current	42,499	297	-
	Deposit	30,248	-	-
	Total cash funds	72,916	297	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid	7,414	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Freehold property		-	-
Minibus		12,165	4,866
Toys		1,500	150
Laptop		800	640
Football equipment		500	50
Church library		3,000	50
Audio/Visual equipment		5,750	4,600
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Townhill Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

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

Signed:

PJ Tamlyn

Date:

21/07/22

Name:

PHILIP JAMES TAMLYN

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

Address:

10 GOWER STREET
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SA11 2SW

TOWNHILL BAPTIST CHURCH (SWANSEA)

England & Wales - Charity number 1148030

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			T O	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1st	April	2020		31st	March	2021

Section A details

Reference and administration

Charity name

Townhill Baptist Church (Swansea)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1148030

Powys Avenue

Townhill

Swansea

Postcode

SA1 6PH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	John Idris Baker	Deacon		Church Members' Meeting
1	Andrew Trevor Brown	Deacon and Treasurer		Church Members' Meeting
2	Allan David Rees	Senior Elder		Church Members' Meeting
3	Robert Geoffrey Wellington	Elder and Secretary		Church Members' Meeting
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Sarah Jane Bunce	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr Philip Tamlyn	10 Gower Street, Llansawel, SA11 2SW

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B
Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by Church Members’ Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees but in so doing the trustees seek the views and recommendations of both elders and deacons.

In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify members of the church who are willing to volunteer their time and effort. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed as new trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. The process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence and specialist knowledge/skills.

Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the guidance on charities and public benefit and on the advancement of religion for the public benefit. This ensures that new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act.

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and keep these risks under review. An annual health and safety check is carried out looking at the activities and premises of the church and all employees and members working with children have current Disclosure and Barring Service checks and Child Protection training as part of our Child Protection Policy.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Church for the public benefit are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in Swansea and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The church is committed to engaging with the community with the message of Jesus Christ. We use our building to provide a wide range of activities to benefit the community. To facilitate this community work, we look after and maintain our council-owned building. Our activities as a charity take account of the Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We seek to know God more in our lives through prayer, praise, reading and applying God's Word (the Bible) and to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ and to know Him more in their lives.

The church buildings provide many activities of benefit to the public. In addition to our regular Sunday services and weekly prayer meeting and Bible study, we also have a weekly club for children from Reception to Year 6 and a bi-weekly youth club open to children from Year 6 to Year 13. The church provides English classes to the community which are taught by one of our church members, for which a free crèche is provided by the church. A toddler group runs once a week and is open to all children and their carers from the community.

Looking back over the year (April 2020-March 2021)

During the past year, the work of the **Kids' club**... It was a privilege and a blessing over the Christmas period to deliver a small gift to each of the families we have reached through this work and to tell them we haven't forgotten them in the current situation.

Townhill Toddlers ...

The **Friday Youth group** has continued to meet virtually using zoom. This has involved online games and activities, video clips and a short Bible based gospel talk. The attendance by church youth has been good. The youth have enjoyed and have told us that at times they felt that God has spoken to them through the Bible based talks and testimonies of leaders. We continue to pray for them individually - that they will be saved and for them to grow in their knowledge and love for Christ. Non-church youth have attended these meetings which has been encouraging but that has been more infrequent and has come as a result of personal invitation. It is our prayer that these youth and others from the community will re-join us when restrictions are lifted more fully. As restrictions ease we will make a full risk assessment and seek to meet again in person.

In February 2020, we started the **Good News group**, a monthly inclusive service for adults with additional needs. We held two meetings, attended by a total of seven adults with additional needs before lockdown. We have maintained contact with some of these adults during lockdown.

As a church, we seek to be positive about disability inclusion. We are linked to the **Roofbreaker** project run by the Christian

disability charity '**Through the Roof**' whose main aim is 'transforming lives through Jesus with disabled people'. Kerry and Phil Tamlyn are the church **Roofbreaker** contacts, seeking to be available to discuss any disability issues and find solutions. For example, a boy with additional needs was struggling to cope with Sunday school classes: a new rota was set up to provide 1:1 support and a withdrawal area with beanbag/sensory tools. As a result, he began to positively engage with Sunday school classes again.

During lockdown, Kerry and Phil attended zoom events with **Roofbreakers** from around the UK discussing how church can effectively support people with disabilities during/after the pandemic. We hope to resume our Good News Group where people can connect with each other over cake, listen to a simple accessible message about Jesus and join in inclusive worship. The church has been added to an online map on the Through the Roof website so that disabled people looking for a church are able to find us and make contact about their needs if they would like to visit/attend.

During the last year, the pandemic restrictions have severely curtailed meetings and events at the church building with the **Men's breakfast** suspended until things improve. However, our **Community Worker** with support from other church members has been continually active in the community providing support through:

- Weekly shopping for people who are isolating or infirm
- Delivering emergency food parcels
- Collecting medications for people
- Welfare calls and socially distanced visits to those in need and isolated.
- Welfare telephone calls
- Collecting food donations and delivering for the foodbanks.

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work. The ladies that attend find it helpful, particularly as it includes a time to pray for one another and share our personal issues and encouragements, which in turn edify and build us up in the faith.

This **Youth Bible Study** is held fortnightly using Zoom is attended by the youth of the church, although it is open to all interested youngsters. The youth find it difficult to engage on and we look forward to being able to meet again in person. Nevertheless, the young people have continued to come which is positive.

The church building

The church carried out a much-needed upgrade to the audio-visual system in the church building and this has been a great help as we've emerged from the pandemic restrictions and are now able to hold hybrid events with people in the church building and simultaneously taking part on Zoom or watching on YouTube. As we hope to return to some kind of normality, we seek new organisations who are compatible with our aims and who would like to hire our building thus extending our services to the Townhill community.

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- We had **two fun days this year**, both were attended by families from the community, most of which have returned time and time again. It was good to see some children now growing up that have come through clubs of the church. We had many craft stalls, game stalls, a bouncy castle and face painting. Sweets and prizes were awarded to the best colouring and for guessing 'how many sweets in the jar'.
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- We continue to employ our **Community Worker** who has used his initiative well to engage with the community as detailed above.

The COVID-19 pandemic presented previously unknown challenges. It was the first time in 8 centuries that government had ordered all churches to close. In our case, rising concern about rapidly increasing numbers of cases locally and about mass gatherings in unventilated indoor settings had led us to suspend all face to face gatherings from 16.3.2020, a week before we were required to do so, and to replace Sunday morning and evening services, Wednesday evening prayer meetings, and some other meetings including some youth activities with online meetings. For those unable to join in an online meeting we arranged phone calls so that the audio of the meeting could be relayed to them. Sermons continued to be recorded and made available on Youtube but also streamed live to widen participation as much as possible. We closed before being forced to both to protect the physical health of those attending and to avoid the church being, and being seen to be, a risk to the community around us. Our witness and service to the community around the church is its prime purpose. We knew that being unable to conduct this in person would be a loss, but did not risk that witness being tainted by a sense that we were being irresponsible to the very community we serve.

The online services were effective for collective worship and for hearing sermons, but after some months of meeting online we knew that we had been missing the informal face to face contact we had been used to after each service. We began randomly allocated breakout groups after each Sunday morning service. These informal groups proved helpful for many people for sharing joys and needs and for reflecting on what we had learnt and been challenged by in the service and in our own lives and have been an important means of mutual support.

During the summer of 2020, after the prohibition on in-person meeting had been lifted, we worked to consider how we could safely reopen to meet at the church building. Under the updated guidance, the church itself is responsible for ensuring that meetings can be held safely, including that there is checking in for contact tracing, hand hygiene, social distancing, ventilation, and information for anyone attending to support their compliance with these requirements. Our small building had typically been close to full on a Sunday morning before the pandemic, so we knew that we would have to limit numbers of attendees and take a lot of care with distancing. We also knew at this stage that those who most needed to attend - those whose ability to join online had been most limited - were also those at most risk of serious illness were they to contract COVID-19.

We planned to reopen for a few people to attend the church and link into online meetings from the start of September 2020, and a small number met at the church building to join an online mid-week meeting. Within days, it was clear that local case numbers were again rising rapidly and that we should suspend plans to reopen until things were more clearly safe. This one mid-week meeting, as well as reminding us that we were not in control of the timing of the pandemic or of its effects, also taught us that to run effective hybrid meetings where some people were in the church and others were online would need better technology than we had. Having explored some options we decided to use the building's extended closure to replace the existing PA system with one that would support videoconferencing and filming for any permutation of in person and hybrid meetings, including live streaming of preaching from the church building as well as preaching being streamed from elsewhere into the building. We hoped that this system would support a wider range of opportunities for collective worship and witness as soon as restrictions began to lift and, God willing, far into the future.

The subsequent phase of the pandemic was more prolonged than we hoped. It remained permissible for churches to open and we were aware that some, with much larger buildings and more room to distance, did so. We decided that we should only reopen for worship when there was less risk of transmission and when we could offer hybrid meetings online & in person. We did this for Sunday morning services only from 11.4.2021 and have negotiated some teething problems to continue until now, subject to restrictions on numbers and distancing, with no live singing to date and with generous ventilation. We hope to explore restarting singing depending on ongoing risk assessment. Meanwhile, in line with changing guidance and subject to risk assessment, we have been able to offer some youth meetings in person outdoors and at the manse as well as some online youth meetings. We continue to try to ensure that this range of formats can allow everyone to meet in some form, and we look forward to being able to do more in person for those activities that don't work online. Our fuller range of children's and youth work is an important example where we know that the community values what we were able to offer families before the pandemic, and we are determined to restore more of this work as soon as we safely can.

The pandemic has seen levels of practical and material need in the community that have been unprecedented in recent memory. We have expanded the small contribution we can make to meeting this need through our church worker's increased working hours and close engagement with statutory and voluntary support services in Townhill. This work was sustained through each phase of the pandemic, in line with guidance allowing church buildings to be used for support even when closed for worship.

Through all this, we have been reminded to thank God: that so many of us have been healthy even when heavily exposed to risk of illness, that the church's closure came at a time when we had better access to facilities for meeting online than ever before, and that as we emerge from the tightest restrictions we can use our new hybrid format to hear from preachers and speakers from further afield and to share the gospel with people anywhere there's an internet connection as well as on Townhill itself. Our tendency to self-reliance has been challenged and we have been blessed by being forced back to a greater reliance on God for our security, our safety, our work and our future. As our mission sees changes in its practical outworking, we pray that our focus will remain on Him, that His will be done in the church, and that His name will be glorified whatever the future holds.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

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**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

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Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Townhill Baptist Church (Swansea)	1148030
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st April 2020	To	31st March 2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and legacies					
Donations and grants	57,445	1,880	-	59,325	55,202
Other trading activities					
Buildings Hire	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings Rent Received	-	-	-	-	-
Other income					
Vehicles - Sales	-	-	-	-	350
Investments					
Interest Received	121	-	-	121	194
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	57,566	1,880	-	59,446	55,747
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	57,566	1,880	-	59,446	55,747

A3 Payments

Expenditure on charitable activities					
Activities (Sundays & Midweek)	500	-	-	500	1,534
Activities (Kids Club)	-	-	-	-	501

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Activities (Townhill Toddlers)	-	-	-	-	214
Activities (Youth)	-	-	-	-	362
Activities (Special events)	298	-	-	298	399
Activities (Mission)	5,682	883	-	6,565	6,288
Activities (Food)	-	-	-	-	56
Activities (Licencing)	-	-	-	-	157
Activities (Misc)	-	-	-	-	70
Activities (Accommodation)	- 90	-	-	- 90	90
Financial Hardship Assistance		-	-	-	78
Salaries (Community Worker)	10,598	-	-	10,598	9,169
Salaries (Pastor)	12,343	-	-	12,343	6,031
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Other Payments					
Administration Fees	489	-	-	489	575
Advertising and publicity	270	-	-	270	420
Buildings Fixtures and Fittings	-	-	-	-	-
Church Insurance	810	-	-	810	979
Manse Insurance	296	-	-	296	289
Church Maintenance	3,290	-	-	3,290	1,411
Manse Maintenance	217	-	-	217	6,882
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-
Church cleaning	880	-	-	880	1,040
Cleaning supplies	33	-	-	33	66
Electricity (Church)	271	-	-	271	145
Electricity (Manse)	82	-	-	82	284
Equipment Maintenance (General)	6	-	-	6	159
Equipment (General)	270	-	-	270	14
Gas (Church)	624	-	-	624	2,204
Gas (Manse)	- 111	-	-	- 111	432
ICT Hardware	1,394	-	-	1,394	-
ICT Software	387	-	-	387	-
Internet - Connection	456	-	-	456	400
Internet - Hosting	103	-	-	103	101
Legal costs	743	-	-	743	181
Publications	-	-	-	-	90
Stationery and Supplies	48	-	-	48	44
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-
Vehicle - Purchases	-	-	-	-	12,165
Minibus Fuel	30	-	-	30	135
Minibus Insurance	978	-	-	978	1,035
Minibus Maintenance	1,059	-	-	1,059	177
Minibus Tax	165	-	-	165	- 28
Council Tax (Manse)	2,977	-	-	2,977	352

Water (Church)	143	-	-	143	264
Water (Manse)	4	-	-	4	236
Sub total	45,247	883	-	46,130	55,003

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	45,247	883	-	46,130	55,003
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Net of receipts/(payments)	12,319	997	-	13,316	744
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	63,964	3	-	63,967	-
Cash funds this year end	76,283	1,000	-	77,283	744

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	169	-	-
	Current	45,876	1,000	-
	Deposit	30,238	-	-
	Total cash funds	76,283	1,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid	7,313	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Freehold property		-	-
Minibus		12,165	7,299
Toys		1,500	150
Laptop		800	800
Football equipment		500	50
Church library		3,000	50
Audio/Visual equipment		5,750	5,750
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Townhill Baptist Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1148030

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

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

Signed:

P. J. Tamlyn

Date:

01.07.2021

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