



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2023 Period start date To 31 March 2024 Period end date

Charity name: St Julians Baptist Church

Charity registration number: 1148152

Objectives and Activities

Our main purpose is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. Activities include: regular public worship, prayer, teaching; baptism; Communion at least once a month; evangelism; the teaching, and inclusion of young people; education/training for Christian and community service; giving pastoral care; supporting charitable social action

The main activities of the charity include

- Sunday morning services every week to include worship, prayer and bible teaching
- Communion on the first Sunday morning every month and on other occasions
- Junior Church and an annual holiday bible club for children open to the local community
- Empowering our people to develop their gifts and ministries
- Actively engaging with the local community to meet its physical, financial and spiritual needs
- Working with local organisations to use the premises fully to provide benefits to the local area

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commissioner on public benefit

The charity does not make any grants

The charity is grateful to its trustees who lead on the strategic direction of the organisation and is indebted to all the volunteers who offer their time to allow us to run our main activities. We are also pleased to see the increasing use of our premises by a wide range of organisations which are providing increased services to our local community

The main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries include

- Sunday morning services are attracting new people allowing us to reach out to a broader base
- Our Sunday school has been rebranded as Junior Church and our toddler group as Lily Pad. These changes have seen increased take up especially the toddler group which is having a big impact on the local community that is in a high area of deprivation. It added a second session each week due to the increased take up.
- We have users of the premises which are increasing the provision to young people including a gymnastics class, a new playgroup, a children's choir
- We are providing health benefits with groups such as The Alzheimer Society, the National Autistic Society and the National Childcare Trust using the premises. A Pilates class is also operating
- Other benefits include use by choirs, quarterly Sunday lunches, craft groups and a weekly coffee afternoon which is part of the national warm welcome scheme.

At the start of the calendar year we reviewed what we achieved in the current year and set some objectives for the year ahead. At the beginning

of 2023 our new objectives and performance against them was

- Bridging the gap between those using the premises to help to reach out to our local community – our Monday coffee afternoons continued to coincide with the gymnastics class and held a successful bonfire night evening
- To provide something for our teenage children – group expanded during the year and formed a close community
- Build our fellowship with social opportunities – we have had quarterly lunches, social evenings and a successful weekend away in June 2023.
- Improve the church side of the building – we are currently refurbishing our vestibule

At our church weekend away we felt the calling to get out of this camp and be more inclusive. We have championed being a place where those with disabilities or health problems are welcome. Our Sunday morning attendance has increased and includes people from more varied backgrounds and nationalities.

Financial Review

The accounts and the auditors' report are in annex B of this report. This section reviews and explains key points. The financial review in previous years has focused on the general income and expenditure fund. This year the analysis below covers all the funds including the building fund for upkeep of the estate and the future development fund which pays off the loan for the Jubilee Hall.

The financial position for 23/24 was

Total receipts	£83,272
Total payments	£84,717
Deficit	£1,435

The main decrease in receipts was from weekly offerings which fell by around 10%. Although we have seen a growth in numbers this has not been reflected in giving so we are promoting giving regularly through the bank in 2024 which we expect will increase income in 2024/5.

There was little change in expenditure. Increases in the cost of ministry and upkeep of the buildings was offset by one off costs in the previous year of final payments for the Jubilee Hall.

The charity holds reserves in a savings account. This account aims to hold around three months' worth of expenditure. This account held £18098 at March 2022, slightly higher than the previous year due to interest received and transfers.

The only loan that the charity has is one of £50,000 from the Baptist Loan Fund payable at £5000 a year for 10 years. This is currently met by pledges and gifts from the supporters of the charity. The future development fund which is used to finance loan payments stood at £12,160 that covers two years of payments and so is not considered a risk.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity's governing document is the church constitution, We have used the model constitution for Baptist churches in membership of the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB) which has been negotiated by BUGB and is an approved document by the Charity Commission. The charity is an unincorporated charity and has not yet sought to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Trustees are appointed by church members for a three- year term at the Annual Church meeting which is usually held in September. There can be up to 9 deacons who can be reappointed for a second term but after that would normally be expected to have a year's sabbatical. The secretary and treasurer are ex officio officers, selected on their ability to fulfil these specialised roles. They also serve a three-year term but due to the specific requirements of the roles are eligible for re-election each time at the end of their term. The AGM is held halfway through the financial year and reporting year to the Charity Commission so some trustees will serve for only a six-month period during the reporting period.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	St Julians Baptist Church
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1148152
Charity's principal address	33-35 Beaufort Road Newport South Wales NP19 7PZ

Annex A Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity. The names refer to the position in the 23/24 reporting year

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ole Black	Secretary		Annual Church Meeting
2	Ruth Thomas	Treasurer	April 23 – November 23	Annual Church Meeting
3	Lynn Turner	Trustee	October 23 - March 24	Annual Church Meeting
4	Wendy John	Trustee	October 23 – March 24	Annual Church Meeting
5	Simon Mullock	Trustee	October 23 – March 24	Annual Church Meeting
6	Beryl Turner	Trustee	April 23 – September 23	Annual Church Meeting
7	Matthew Taylor	Trustee	April 23 – September 23	Annual Church Meeting
8	Harvey Philpott	Trustee	April 23 – September 23	Annual Church Meeting
9	Sian Taylor	Trustee		Annual Church Meeting
10	Peter Banks	Trustee		Annual Church Meeting
11	Michelle Presley	Trustee		Annual Church Meeting
12	Mark Greveson	Trustee		Annual Church Meeting
13	Paul Laughlin	Treasurer	October 23 –March 24	Church Meeting
14	Martin Flynn	Trustee	October 23 – Match 24	Annual Church Meeting
15	Rev Lee Presley	Trustee	October 23 – March 24	Annual Church Meeting
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

Rev Lee Presley - Pastor

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)	O P BLACK	E P LAUGHLIN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer

Date 30 January 2024

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Receipts and Payments Account

		2023/24						2022/23
	Note	General Fund	Play-group	Building Fund	Appeal Fund	30 Day Notice Account	Future Dev'tment Fund	Total
Receipts								
Weekly Offerings	2	31,703	0	1,862	0	0	0	33,565
Donations and other income	3	32,138	0	0	0	0	2,854	34,992
Income tax recovered on gift aid		10,288	0	391	0	0	1,400	12,079
Interest earned		0	0	0	0	265	138	403
Money raised	8	0	0	0	2,243	0	0	2,243
		74,129	0	2,253	2,243	265	4,392	83,282
Payments								
Ministry	4	39,722	0	0	0	0	0	39,722
Upkeep of Church	5	17,232	0	0	0	0	0	17,232
Mission	6	4,173	0	0	0	0	0	4,173
Church building upkeep		0	0	5,803	0	0	0	5,803
Manse upkeep		0	0	1,384	0	0	0	1,384
Rental income used		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Given to other causes	8	0	0	0	2,197	0	0	2,197
Loan repayment		0	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Administration and Other	7	9,206	0	0	0	0	0	9,206
		70,333	0	7,187	2,197	0	5,000	84,717
Surplus/Deficit for the year		3,796	0	-4,934	46	265	-608	-1,435
Transfers between accounts		-6,321	-108	5,491	0	500	438	0
Balance brought forward		6,432	108	8,299	116	17,333	12,330	44,618
Balance carried forward		3,907	0	8,856	162	18,098	12,160	43,183

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General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

	Note	2023/2024	2022/2023
Receipts			
Weekly offerings	2	31,703	35,054
Donations and other income	3	32,138	32,194
Transfers	3	6,898	0
Income tax recovered on gift aid		10,288	11,069
		<u>81,027</u>	<u>78,317</u>
Payments			
Ministry	4	39,722	34,190
Upkeep of Church	5	17,232	14,702
Mission	6	4,173	3,852
Administration and Other	7	9,206	8,042
Transfers	7	11,615	17,709
		<u>81,948</u>	<u>78,495</u>
Surplus / Deficit for the year		-921	-178
Balance brought forward		6,433	6,611
Balance carried forward		<u>5,512</u>	<u>6,433</u>

Building Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts			
Weekly offerings		1,862	1,481
Donations and other income		0	2,593
Transfers		5,491	5,710
Income tax recovered on gift aid		391	886
		<u>7,744</u>	<u>9,784</u>
Payments			
Church upkeep		5,803	3,843
Manse upkeep		1,384	0
Rental Income Used			2,370
		<u>7,187</u>	<u>6,213</u>
Surplus / Deficit for the year		557	3,571
Balance brought forward		7,413	3,842
Balance carried forward		<u>7,970</u>	<u>7,413</u>

Appeals Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts			
Money Raised	8	2,243	966
		<u>2,243</u>	<u>966</u>
Payments			
Given to other causes	8	2,197	929
		<u>2,197</u>	<u>929</u>
Surplus / Deficit for the year		46	37
Balance brought forward		116	79
Balance carried forward		<u>162</u>	<u>116</u>

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30 Day Notice Savings Account

	2023/2024	2022/2023
Receipts		
Balance brought forward	17,333	13,295
Interest earned	265	38
Transfers between accounts	500	4,000
Balance carried forward	18,098	17,333

Future Development Fund Account

Receipts		
Donations	4,392	4,182
Transfers between accounts	438	8,000
	4,830	12,182
Payments		
Loan repayments	5,000	17,000
	5,000	17,000
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-170	-4,818
Balance brought forward	12,330	17,148
Balance carried forward	12,160	12,330

Playgroup Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts		
Fees	0	0
	0	0
Payments		
Transfers between accounts	108	0
	108	0
Surplus / Deficit for the year	-108	
Balance brought forward	108	108
Balance carried forward	0	108

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March

Assets	Note		
Bank and other cash balances		43,183	44,618
Representing balances on the following accounts			
General Fund		3,907	6,432
Building Fund		8,856	8,299
Appeals Fund		162	116
30 Day Notice Savings Account		18,098	17,333
Future Development Account		12,160	12,330
Playgroup Account		0	108
		43,183	44,618
Other monetary assets			
Legacy Account Mrs W Lewis	9	1,000	1,000
Non monetary assets	10	2,617,236	2,552,858
Liabilities			
Current		5,000	5,000
Long term loans		30,000	35,000

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St Julians Baptist Church - Notes to the accounts

1. Basis of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011

2. Weekly offering

	2023/2024	2022/2023
Gift aid	26,954	30,604
Members envelopes	1,390	3,565
Other	3,359	885
	<u>31,703</u>	<u>35,054</u>

3. Donations and other income

Donations	7,221	4,446
Use of buildings	21,763	24,579
Insurance Reimbursement	0	178
Transfer	0	1,220
Other	3,154	1,771
	<u>32,138</u>	<u>32,194</u>

4. Ministry

Minister's stipend	21,059	19,719
Pension contributions	6,290	7,607
National insurance and tax	4,417	3,341
Manse upkeep	7,916	3,363
Visiting speakers	40	160
	<u>39,722</u>	<u>34,190</u>

5. Upkeep of church premises

Gas, electricity, water & phone	9,510	7,952
Insurance	2,896	2,831
Other	4,827	3,919
	<u>17,232</u>	<u>14,702</u>

6. Mission

	2023/2024	2022/2023
BMS	1,152	953
Home Mission	1,176	976
South Wales Baptist College	200	300
Gifts & Outreach	372	830
Children's/Youth work	1,273	793
	<u>4,173</u>	<u>3,852</u>

7. Administration and other

Consumables/House keeping	510	799
Stationery and printing	2,513	3,151
Affiliation fees	528	457
Other	5,655	3,635
	<u>9,206</u>	<u>8,042</u>

8. Appeals Account - Given to other causes

2023/2024			2022/2023		
	Received	Given		Received	Given
School Hampers	1,057	1,057	Ukraine	466	454
Sparkle	164	164	Trussell Trust	96	96
Leprosy	24	0	Leprosy	35	35
Home Mission	92	70	Home Mission	112	87
Raven House	106	106	Pakistan	62	62
Mercy Ships	200	200	Mercy Ships	196	196
Gap Wales	200	200			
Biojemms	200	200			
Though the Roof	200	200			
Totals	<u>2,243</u>	<u>2,197</u>		<u>967</u>	<u>930</u>

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9. Legacy - Mrs W. Lewis

The conditions of the legacy are that the £1000 capital is retained and the interest earned is to be used at the discretion of the minister.

10. Non-monetary assets

The church is the beneficial owner (subject to the relevant trusts) of the following assets, the legal title to which is held by the church's custodian trustee, the Baptist Union Corporation Ltd. The assets are shown at the values used for insurance purposes.

	2023/2024	2022/2023
Church Premises - Beaufort Road	2,235,334	2,180,831
Church Manse - Beaufort Road	295,345	287,580
The church also owns fixtures, furniture and equipment with an insured value of	86,557	84,447
Total	2,617,236	2,552,858

Deacons Report

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out on pages 1 to 5 relating to the year ended 31 March 2024 are as approved by the deacons.

Signature:



Name:
(On behalf of the deacons)

Date: 9/9/2024

Signature:



Name:
(On behalf of the deacons)

Date: 16/9/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Julian's Baptist Church

I report on my examination of the accounts of St Julian's Baptist Church (the Church) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

This report is made solely to the Church's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Church's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Church and the Church's trustees as a body, for any work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). You consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144 (2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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September 2024