

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH (TENTERDEN)

England & Wales · Charity number 1149069

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-09-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION.THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

Activities: The Church was open every Sunday throughout the year to hold its Sunday morning worship service with the celebration of communion. We have continued to support mission and.the spiritual growth of our youth continues through our Sunday morning programme. During the year our pastoral team have assisted the pastor in offering much needed help and prayer to those within our fellowship and outside.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£117,469	£115,398	-	-
2023-12-31	£134,231	£98,017	-	-
2022-12-31	£80,083	£81,745	-	-
2021-12-31	£74,058	£73,899	-	-
2020-12-31	£74,058	£73,899	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IAIN BOTTRILL FCPA		2025-12-07
Rev Freddy Farias Palacios		2019-05-25
Simon Smith		2024-04-14

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Many individuals show resilience in attending and contributing to church activities despite challenging personal circumstances and we are starting to see new people visit and continue join in fellowship. We have lost some of our key members to death and family re-location during 2024 but have also been encouraged by the arrival of several new local members, so our formally listed members now number 37. Ill-health now keeps some individuals confined at home, so the number of regular attendees has diminished (currently 35/40 on Sundays). We continue to pray for them all.

In 2024 we hosted a weekend away at the High Leigh Conference Centre during the first weekend of October which was led by our Assistant Minister Simon Black and supported by our Minister Rev Freddy Farias Palacios. Focus on this was the need to move forward in mission, and was attended by 30 members and friends of the church and a follow up meeting was held in November 2024. We will hold a similar away weekend in September 2025.

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

We are blessed that the teaching brought by both Rev Freddy Farias Palacios and Simon Black (our minister in training) has encouraged and directed the fellowship to explore in depth what God is wanting from us. In 2024, the Church was open every Sunday throughout the year, typically but not exclusively led by the Pastor or Assistant Minister. The Elders have met together regularly with our minister to pray and plan the way forward. We have a full team of elected Deacons, who work together with the Elders and Minister in leading the Church forward on a day-to-day basis.

Our worship via on-line conferencing software, continues to stream the live services to those who being unable to attend through illness or other infirmities. We continue to invite folk from other parts of the United Kingdom to join us in worship which are well received. Recordings of these services are posted to our web site, as well as on an on-line database. Attendance at Sunday Zoom Church averages in the order of 3 logins indicating a loyal attendance in the region of 6 to 7 people. This is in addition to the regular attendance in Church of between 35-40 people every Sunday. Zoom attendance has been helpful for family members unable to attend funerals in-person (including overseas) in the past year.

We continue to be supported during our worship services by a talented group of musicians. The Music Group has blessed us week after week with their songs of praise and worship and for responding to the call to lead us in prayer and preaching when asked. The Church and Music Group could not function without the support of the small team of computer operators who control the PA system and overhead projector, who in recent months have engaged themselves in the continued presentation of Sunday services, prayer and administrative meetings by means of Zoom conferencing.

We have been blessed with children now attending our services on a regular basis and they are supported via additional teaching given during the service and their own time in Sunday school led by members of the church

A number of Home Groups exist and meet throughout the week in person to provide attenders with a Bible Study and fellowship opportunity. There were Bi-weekly and Monthly Prayer meetings in the Church for corporate prayer to complement the existing opportunities at various times during the week.

Baptism, as defined in the Union's Declaration of Principle. There have been **no baptisms in 2024**

Marriages & Funerals. We had one wedding during 2024 and one funeral of a church member.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper continues to be observed at least twice a month throughout the year, Communion on every 1st and 3rd Sundays during public worship.

Evangelism and mission (locally, regionally, nationally and internationally).

Mission has always remained a priority in Zion as we continue to look beyond our building at the mission opportunities presented to us. The preaching series on various themes has helped to focus the church on our mission responsibilities.

Internationally we continue to support our Baptist Missionary Society link missionaries working overseas, and we also support and engage with Christian charities such as Mission Aviation Fellowship and Ambassadors Football. Financial support continues to support these organizations.

Closer to home we continue to hold an informal Thursday coffee morning and also have the Church to open for prayer on Friday mornings. We have found this invaluable in identifying social needs in non-church members and has resulted in us being able to offer advice and practical help where needed. The toddler group called Rainbow Tots under the leadership of Suzanne Martin and Christine Hendry, have been instrumental in identifying ongoing local family needs.

There is also a regular evangelistic presence in the High Street by some members of the church. In 2024 we were able to have our "Christmas Tree Festival", and we had a "Tree of Peace" allowing local people to write and place on the tree prayers and messages of hope. This was very well attended with over 1600 people through our doors.

Other churches and ecumenical links

Regionally we are proactive with the South Eastern Baptist Association, the body that represents Baptist Churches throughout the South East region. More locally, we are encouraged to network with other Baptist Churches, and we do this through the South Kent Network that consists of 17 Churches across Kent. Nationally, we are a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. We will seek to support, certainly by prayer, all current mission initiatives that they are engaging with across the UK. Locally we support Churches Together in Tenterden through shared services and festival activities.

Nurture and growth of Christian disciples

The Church through its elders and leadership team has concentrated on ensuring that those Christians attending Church are cared for and nurtured in their faith and growth. A preaching/teaching address is always available on a Sunday morning, all of which is intended to enable attenders to move on in the faith walk. Mid-week, at various times, home group meetings provide for the same.

Education and training for Christian and community service

There have been DBS checks made on all the trustees and leadership team, and those engaged in work with children and the community.

In 2024 saw Simon Black continuing his ministerial training at Spurgeon's College the course will concluded in July 2025 with Simon seeking a full time ministry role . Simon continues to provide ministry through his football outreach. There has been growth across the age groups and the Women's team won the title at the London Churches football tournament.

Pastoral care for local people.

During the year our fellowship have continued to assist the Pastor in offering much needed help and prayer to those within our fellowship and outside. There have as always been some intense needs over this last year due to illness, hospitalization and bereavement and the fellowship have addressed them all with love and compassion dealing with spiritual and practical needs. We have been really blessed at Zion with the willingness of the fellowship to volunteer to help wherever needed which has meant that any new initiatives can move forward and existing ones to function fully.

Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad. Local community groups continue to use the building for their activities, including local clubs and branches of well-known national charities (Community Support [CAB], Addiction Recovery [AA], Dementia Group [Together We Thrive]). We continue to support debt counselling and other initiatives run by CTIT.

Communication

Throughout the year the church produces a quarterly newsletter listing activities and containing a message from the pastor. This is in print form available in the church and is sent to the membership in electronic form. As nearly all the membership is now online, communication can be achieved quickly and economically by e-mail from the churchsuite™ application. The Church Web Site communicates general information to the wider world.

Buildings & Refurbishment

There have been some concerns about the church building. Towards the end of 2023, cracks appeared in the external fabric of the Church which has been confirmed as a drainage problem caused by facilities under the adjacent public highway. We have installed a support mechanism and previous movement appears to be stabilized. We will commission another report and if satisfactory we will repair the damage to the arch above the affected window as we have not noticed any further issues. Local authority and service providers have been informed of their future obligations relating to the highway.

The building has disabled facilities to Building Regulations Part M so allowing the church to meaningfully engage with the needs of the disabled community in a new and contemporary way (for example a Dementia support charity now runs a regular meeting in our building, accessible by local dementia sufferers).

We continue to invest in the fabric of the church with planned repairs to the Manse roof scheduled in 2025. Permission was granted in 2024 to demolish the old garage, it being replaced with hard-standing to accommodate the minister's car.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Zion Baptist Church (Tenterden)

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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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	£ 561	£ 8	£ -	£ 569	£ 4,129
Other Giving	£ 9,106	£ 7,374	£ -	£ 16,480	£ 10,820
Giving under Gift Aid	£ 56,724	£ 11,461	£ -	£ 68,185	£ 86,838
Tax Rebate from HMRC	£ 15,627	£ 4,361	£ -	£ 19,987	£ 24,084
Interest	£ 3,954	£ -	£ -	£ 3,954	£ 2,391
Rents Received	£ 3,460	£ -	£ -	£ 3,460	£ 1,440
Other Revenue	£ 4,748	£ 86	£ -	£ 4,834	£ 4,529
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£ 94,180	£ 23,289	£ -	£ 117,469	£ 134,231
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total receipts	£ 94,180	£ 23,289	£ -	£ 117,469	£ 134,231
A3 Payments					
Employment NIC & Pensions	£ 34,580	£ 26,107	£ -	£ 60,687	£ 56,667
Administration	£ 11,196	£ 769	£ -	£ 11,965	£ 16,240
Giving to other causes	£ 2,855	£ 332	£ -	£ 3,187	£ 4,296
Mission	£ 408	£ 9,912	£ -	£ 10,319	£ 930
Premises	£ 25,266	£ 2,805	£ -	£ 28,071	£ 19,551
SEBA Loan repayments	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 333
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 74,304	£ 39,924	£ -	£ 114,229	£ 98,017
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Audio Transcriber		£ 169	£ -	£ 169	
Chairs for Chapel	£ 1,000	£ -	£ -	£ 1,000	
Sub total	£ 1,000	£ 169	£ -	£ 1,169	£ -
Total payments	£ 75,304	£ 40,093	£ -	£ 115,398	£ 98,017
Net of receipts/(payments)	£ 18,875	-£ 16,804	£ -	£ 2,071	£ 36,214
A5 Transfers between funds	-£ 15,786	£ 15,786	£ -	£ -	£ -
A6 Cash funds last year end	£ 93,101	£ 14,226	£ -	£ 107,327	£ 71,112
Cash funds this year end	£ 96,190	£ 13,208	£ -	£ 109,398	£ 107,326

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	Current Account	8,283	-	-
	Deposit Account BA#001	11,795		
	Deposit Account BMM	18,000	-	
	3 Mth notice Deposit Account	58,006	13,208	
	Cash held	31	-	-
	Rainbows	75		-
	Total cash funds		96,190	13,208

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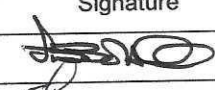

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Donations received for 2025 Weekend Away		2,008	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Contents including Furniture (Insurance Value)	General	90,015	-
	Equipment (pre 2024)	General	5,309	-
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				-
				-
				-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Iain Buttrick	2/4/2025
	Freddie Farnham	02/04/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Zion Baptist Church (Tenterden)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1149069

Set out on pages

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(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:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

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.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH (TENTERDEN)

England & Wales - Charity number 1149069

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Events post year end

As in the past there is often an overlap from the end of the financial year of 31st December in making this report, and thankfully, the serious effects of Covid have passed and we continue worshipping as a fellowship in the church premises, with life seemingly returning to normal. Several of our more elderly congregation have experienced life changing illnesses, which has resulted in us not being able to enjoy fellowship with them on such a regular basis as we did in 2023. We continue to pray for their recovery and freedom from pain and that they may again join us in worship at Church.

The economic challenges following the sharp increase in energy costs in 2022 continue to be a financial challenge. The electricity costs on a fixed term contract expired in September 2023 and we again negotiated a 3 year fixed rate based upon current prices. The gas contract will expire in this coming year and we trust that the tariffs will be a little more forgiving.

Towards the end of 2023, we noticed cracks appearing in the external fabric of the Church which has been confirmed as a result of subsidence. The insurance policy, regrettably does not cover this so this will be a major expense from the Church finances going forward into 2024. We are fortunate that we have in our fellowship, members who have experience in construction and that we can draw upon their expertise to ensure the successful remedy of the situation.

Our worship via on-line conferencing software, continues to stream the live services to those who being unable to attend through illness or other infirmities. We continue to invite folk from other parts of the United Kingdom to join us in worship which are well received. Recordings of these services are posted to our web site, as well as on an on-line database.

In 2023 we held a reflection weekend at the Church and plan to meet in 2024 at an external location to reflect on what God has in mind for His Church moving forward.

In 2024, we have committed to hosting another Life Exhibition and inviting students in years 5 & 6 from the local schools to come and learn through interactive technical equipment about our Lord Jesus.

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

We are blessed that the teaching brought by both Rev Freddy Farias Palacios and Simon Black, our minister in training, has encouraged and directed the fellowship to the extent that we are exploring more in depth what God is wanting from us. In 2023, the Church was open every Sunday throughout the year, typically but not exclusively led by the Pastor or Assistant Minister. The Elders have met together regularly with our minister to pray and plan the way forward. We have a full team of Deacons. They all work together with the Elders and Minister in leading the Church forward on a day to day basis.

We continued to be supported during our worship services by a talented group of musicians. The Music Group has blessed us week after week with their songs of praise and worship and for responding to the call to lead us in prayer and preaching when asked. The Church and Music Group could not function without the support of the small team of computer operators who control the PA system and overhead projector, who of recent months have engaged themselves in the continued presentation of Sunday services, prayer and administrative meetings by means of Zoom conferencing. Attendance at Sunday Zoom Church averages in the order of 3 logins indicating a loyal attendance in the region of 6 to 7 people. This is in addition to the regular attendance in Church of between 45-55 people every Sunday.

A number of Home Groups exist and meet throughout the week in person to provide attenders with a Bible Study and fellowship opportunity. There were Bi-weekly and Monthly Prayer meetings in the Church for corporate prayer to complement the existing opportunities at various times during the week.

Baptism, as defined in the Union's Declaration of Principle. There have been **3 baptisms**, 2 of which were conducted in the sea at Dungeness.

Marriages & Funerals Although there were no weddings during 2023 our authorised person is supporting preparation of one wedding for 2024.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper, which continues to be observed at least twice a month throughout the year, Communion on every 1st and 3rd Sundays during public worship.

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

Mission has always remained a priority in Zion as we continue to look beyond our building at the mission opportunities presented to us. The preaching series on various themes has helped to focus the church on our mission responsibilities.

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Education and training for Christian and community service

There have been DBS checks made on all the trustees and leadership team, and those engaged in work with children and the community. Standard update training on Safeguarding (provided by SEBA) was received by all relevant volunteers in sessions in October 2023.

In 2023 saw Simon Black continuing his ministerial training at Spurgeon's College the course expecting to conclude in 2025. Simon is providing much needed youth ministry through his football outreach. The numbers of unchurched young people is continuing to grow, and we have hopes that in the coming months and years that they will start attending church.

Giving and encouraging pastoral care.

During the year our fellowship have continued to assist the Pastor in offering much needed help and prayer to those within our fellowship and outside. There have as always been some intense needs over this last year due to illness, hospitalisation and bereavement and the fellowship have **dealt with** them all with love and compassion **dealing** with spiritual and practical needs. We have been really blessed at Zion with the willingness of the fellowship to volunteer to help wherever needed which has meant that any new initiatives can move forward and existing ones to function fully.

Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad. Local groups from the community continue to use the building for their activities, including clubs and local branches of well known national charities. We continue to support debt counselling and other initiatives run by CTIT.

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Refurbishment & fundraising

The building has disabled facilities to Building Regulations Part M so allowing the church to meaningfully engage with the needs of the disabled community in **a new** and contemporary way.

The Church became debt free in 2023, having paid off all loans from the refurbishment of the rear of the building. The Church has been able to maintain its regular anticipated **day to day** income and expenditure and in doing so we have continued wherever possible to donate funds to help support other charitable groups. This position following the identification of the subsidence regrettably will not continue.



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Zion Baptist Church (Tenterden) 1149069

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

1st January 2023

To

31st December 2023

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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	2,507	1,622	4,129	1,281
Other Giving	7,853	2,967	10,820	12,563
Giving under Gift Aid	62,212 #	24,626	86,838	46,880
Tax Rebate from HMRC	18,129	5,955	24,084	14,077
Interest	2,391		2,391	252
Rents Received	1,440		1,440	1,260
Other Revenue	4,420	109	4,529	3,770
Sub total (gross income for AR)	98,952	35,279	134,231	80,083

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table)

Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	98,952	35,279	134,231	80,083

A3 Payments

Employment NIC & Pensions	32,014	24,653	56,667	46,510
Administration	13,097	3,143	16,240	10,237
Giving to other causes	2,622	1,674	4,296	3,485
Mission	135	795	930	2,168
Premises	18,471	1,080	19,551	12,109
SEBA Loan repayments	333		333	6,000
Sub total	66,672	31,345	98,017	80,509

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Floodlights for use with cameras			-	350
Round folding tables			-	886
Sub total	-	-	-	1,236
Total payments	66,672	31,345	98,017	81,745
Net of receipts/(payments)	32,280	3,934	36,214	1,662
A5 Transfers between funds	60,821	10,292	71,113	72,775
Cash funds last year end	93,101	14,226	107,327	71,113

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	Current	4,880		-
	Deposits	87,385	14,226	
	Cash	835		-
	Total cash funds	93,100	14,226	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agreement letter	OK	OK

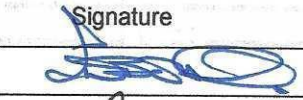

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	71 High Street, Tenterden	General	-	623,577
	Chapel - 69 High Street, Tenterden	General	-	1,955,556
	Contents of Church incl. furniture	General	-	90,015
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	general	5,309	-
	Furniture	general	480	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Iain Bottrill	10/04/2024
	Freddy Farias Palacios	10/04/2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

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On accounts for the year ended

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

23-02-2024

Name:

MISS MIKAILA ATTOE

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

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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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ZION BAPTIST CHURCH (TENTERDEN)

England & Wales - Charity number 1149069

Accounts

Trustees Annual Report – 2022

Events post year end

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The economic challenges following the sharp increase in energy costs in 2022 hit us in November 2022 following the expiry of the gas fixed term contract. We have since moved supplier on a fixed 2 year contract, but the cost has dramatically increased over four-fold over what we had been used to. The electricity costs are on a fixed term contract expiring in September 2023 and are mindful that these prices will hit us hard when we have to renew.

Our worship via on-line conferencing software, continues to stream the live services to those who being unable to attend through illness or other infirmities. We continue to invite folk from other parts of the United Kingdom to join us in worship which are well received.

Our plans for 2022, following the cancellation of all bookings at short notice, we were unable to meet at Northiam Oasts, so as in 2021 we met for a reflection weekend in the Church. In 2023 we plan to replicate this arrangement, but for 2024 plan to meet at an external location to reflect on what God has in mind for His Church moving forward.

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We are blessed that the teaching brought by Rev Freddy Farias Palacios has encouraged and directed the fellowship to the extent that we are exploring more in depth what God is wanting from us. In 2022, the Church was open every Sunday throughout the year as and when Government restrictions allowed to hold its Sunday morning worship service, typically but not exclusively led by the Pastor. The Elders have met together regularly with our minister to pray and plan the way forward. We have a full team of Deacons. They all work together with the Elders and Minister in leading the Church forward on a day to day basis.

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We hosted the Life Exhibition in June 2022 and invited pupils from years 5 & 6 from all the local schools. This was very well received and the pupils really enjoyed the interactive experiences. It is planned that we will repeat this in 2024.

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There have been no **baptisms or weddings** during 2022, although we had 5 Baptisms in 2021 and have had a baptism in April 2023.

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Throughout the year, Communion was held on every 1st and 3rd Sundays during public worship. Communion was also held for specific reasons such as Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve.

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There have been DBS checks made on all the trustees and leadership team, and those engaged in work with children and the community.

In 2022 saw Simon Black being accepted for ministerial training at Spurgeon’s College the course expecting to conclude in 2025. Simon is providing much needed youth ministry through his football outreach. The numbers of unchurched young people is continuing to grow, and we have hopes that in the coming months and years that they will start attending church.

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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	1st January 2022	To	31st December 2022
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	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	1,194	87	-	1,281	1,812
Other Giving	6,402	6,161	-	12,563	68,547
Giving under Gift Aid	42,159	4,721	-	46,880	50,252
Tax Rebate from HMRC	12,618	1,459	-	14,077	11,825
Interest	252	-	-	252	3
Rents Received	1,260	-	-	1,260	270
Other Revenue	3,500	270	-	3,770	5,095
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,385	12,698	-	80,083	137,803
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,385	12,698	-	80,083	137,803
A3 Payments					
Employment NIC & Pensions	32,099	14,411	-	46,510	36,770
Administration	6,724	3,513	-	10,237	15,176
Giving to other causes	3,067	418	-	3,485	8,557
Mission	2,150	18	-	2,168	887
Premises	11,325	784	-	12,109	21,025
SEBA Loan repayments	6,000	-	-	6,000	4,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	61,365	19,144	-	80,509	86,415
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Floodlights for use with cameras	350	-	-	350	-
Round folding tables	886	-	-	886	-
Sub total	1,236	-	-	1,236	-
Total payments	62,601	19,144	-	81,745	86,415
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,784	- 6,446	-	- 1,662	51,388
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,037	16,737	-	72,775	21,387
Cash funds this year end	60,821	10,292	-	71,113	72,775

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	Current	6,355	-	-
	Deposits	53,819	10,292	-
	Cash	647	-	-
	Total cash funds	60,821	10,292	-
	(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 £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	71 High Street, Tenterden	General	-	623,577
	Chapel - 69 High Street, Tenterden	General	-	1,955,556
	Contents of Church incl. furniture	General	-	90,015
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equipment	general	5,309	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
		Iain Bottrill	20.04.2023	
		Freddy Farias Palacios	20.04.2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Zion Baptist Church (Tenterden)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2022	Charity no (if any)	1149069
	Set out on pages 1-2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: M. Attoe Date: 04-04-2023

Name: MISS MIKAILA ATTOE

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Zion Baptist Church (Tenterden)

1149069

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2021

To

31/12/2021

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					
Gift Aid	46,526	3,726	-	50,252	41,266
Interest Income	3	-	-	3	2
Rents Invoiced	270	-	-	270	420
Tax Rebate from Gift Aid	10,465	1,360	-	11,825	22,583
Donations	1,155	657	-	1,812	922
Gifts (not gift-aided)	59,380	9,168	-	68,547	8,864
Other Revenue	4,820	275	-	5,095	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	122,618	15,185	-	137,803	74,058
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	122,618	15,185	-	137,803	74,058
A3 Payments					
Employment, NIC & pension	33,551	3,219	-	36,770	33,038
Mission expenses	887	-	-	887	1,292
Operating/administrative costs	11,246	2,623	-	13,869	5,563
Charitable and Political Donations	6,844	1,013	-	7,857	2,391
Premises cost	20,016	1,009	-	21,025	21,004
Subscriptions	1,307	-	-	1,307	1,591
Covid-19 Hardship Expenses	-	700	-	700	3,020
Loan repayment	4,000	-	-	4,000	6,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	77,852	8,564	-	86,416	73,899
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	77,852	8,564	-	86,416	73,899
Net of receipts/(payments)	44,766	6,621	-	51,387	158
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,271	10,116	-	21,387	21,229
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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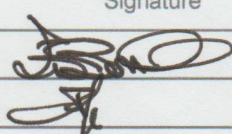
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	71 High Street, Tenterden	General	-	650,000
	Chapel - 69 High Street, Tenterden	General	-	1,250,000
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	General	5,309	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accounts Payable	General	3,802	
	Loans	General Fund	6,333	30 June 2023
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Iain Bottrill	
	Freddy Farias Palacios	



Report to the trustees members of

Zion Baptist Church (Tenterden)

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2021

Charity no (if any)

1149069

Set out on pages

1-4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Signed:

Date:

06/09/2022

Name:

Mikaila Attoe

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

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Address:

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Witershams

(see CC32 Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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- the accounts give a true and fair view of the charity's financial position and performance in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Name: Nicola Atton

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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Following the arrival of Rev Freddy Farias Palacios as our newly appointed Minister we are blessed that he has settled in and that his teaching has encouraged and directed the fellowship to the extent that we are exploring more in depth what God is wanting from us. In 2020, the Church was open every Sunday throughout the year as and when Government restrictions allowed to hold its Sunday morning worship service, typically but not exclusively led by the Pastor. The Elders have met together regularly with our minister to pray and plan the way forward. We have a full team of Deacons. They all work together with the Elders and Minister in leading the Church forward on a day to day basis.

The Church awaits confirmation that it may hold its fourth Weekend Retreat at Northiam Oasts in 2021, with the majority of the Church indicating their willingness to attend.

We continued to be supported during our worship services by a talented group of musicians. The Music Group has blessed us week after week with their songs of praise and worship and for responding to the call to lead us in prayer and preaching when asked. The Church and Music Group could not function without the support of the small team of computer operators who control the PA system and overhead projector, who of recent months have engaged themselves in the continued presentation of Sunday services, prayer and administrative meetings by means of Zoom conferencing. Attendance at Sunday Zoom Church registers in the order of 35 logins indicating an attendance in the region of 60 to 70 people.

A number of Home Groups exist and meet throughout the week currently via Zoom to provide attenders with a Bible Study and fellowship opportunity. There is a new Monthly Prayer meeting for corporate prayer to complement the existing opportunities at various times during the week.

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

There have been no baptisms or weddings during 2020, although we have had 5 Baptisms in 2021.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper, which continues to be observed at least once a month

Throughout the year, Communion was held on every 1st and 3rd Sundays during public worship. Communion was also held for specific reasons such as Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve.

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

Mission has always remained a priority in Zion as we continue to look beyond our building at the mission opportunities presented to us. The preaching series on various themes has helped to focus the church on our mission responsibilities.

Internationally we continue to support our Baptist Missionary Society link missionaries working overseas, **and we** also support and engage with Christian charities such as Mission Aviation Fellowship, Cry in the Dark. Fundraising for this work has been and is still ongoing.

Closer to home we continue to hold an informal Friday Coffee Morning meeting previously in the Church and now by Zoom which successfully engages with the local community. We have found this invaluable in identifying social needs in non-church members and has resulted in us being able to offer advice and practical help where needed. The toddler group called Rainbow Tots, regrettably due to lockdown, only met right at the beginning of the year until the onslaught of Covid 19 under the leadership of Suzanne Martin and Christine Hendry, both of whom have been instrumental in the application of hardship fund support to mothers within the group during the period of lockdown. There is also a regular evangelistic presence in the High Street by two members of the church. In 2020 we were not able to have **our** “Christmas Tree Festival”, but instead we had a “tree of hope” allowing folk to write and place on the tree prayers and messages of hope. **Hopefully** in 2021, we will again be able to revisit the event.

Regionally we are proactive with the South Eastern Baptist Association, the body that represents Baptist Churches throughout the South East region. More locally, we are encouraged to network with other Baptist Churches and we do this through the South Kent Network that consists of 17 Churches across Kent. Nationally, we are a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. We will seek to support, certainly by prayer, all current mission initiatives that they are engaging with across the UK.

Nurture and growth of Christian disciples

The Church through its elders and leadership team has concentrated on ensuring that those Christians attending Church are cared for and nurtured in their faith and growth. A preaching/teaching address is always available on a Sunday morning, all of which is intended to enable attenders to move on in the faith walk. Mid-week, at various times, home group meetings provide for the same.

Education and training for Christian and community service

There have been DBS checks made on all the trustees, and those engaged in work with children and the community.

Giving and encouraging pastoral care.

During the year our pastoral team have continued to assist the Pastor in offering much needed help and prayer to those within our fellowship and outside. There have as always been some intense needs over this last year due to illness, hospitalisation and bereavement and the team have **dealt with** them all with love and compassion **dealing** with spiritual and practical needs. We have been really blessed at Zion with the willingness of the fellowship to volunteer to help wherever needed which has meant that any new initiatives can move forward and existing ones to function fully.

Supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad. The use of the accommodation by the community continues. **Local groups from the community use the building.** We support debt counselling and other initiatives run by CTIT.

Communication

Throughout the year the church produces a regular monthly newsletter listing activities and containing a monthly message from the pastor. This is in print form available in the church and is sent to the membership in electronic form. A further weekly sheet was introduced prior to the lockdown giving details of upcoming events and a summary of that week’s preaching and will be reintroduced once we can meet normally. As nearly all the membership is now online, communication can be achieved quickly and economically by e-mail. The upgraded Church Web Site communicates general information to the wider world. We introduced a Church Management system early in 2020 which, due to the requirements of Data Protection, means that we are being compliant with the administration.

Refurbishment & fundraising

The building has disabled facilities to Building Regulations Part M so allowing the church to meaningfully engage with the needs of the disabled community in **a new** and contemporary way.

The Church continues to pay off its rebuilding loans and has made good head way, significantly reducing the outstanding amount. The Church has been able to maintain its regular anticipated **day to day** income and expenditure and in doing so we have continued wherever possible to donate funds to help support other charitable groups.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Zion Baptist Church (Tenterden)

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1/1/2020

To

Period end date
12/31/2020

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					
Gift Aid	36,671	4,596	-	41,266	67,902
Hire of hall/equipment	420	-	-	420	3,563
Gifts	8,621	243	-	8,864	10,038
Donations	672	250	-	922	13,602
Fundraising for other causes	-	-	-	-	291
Other revenue	-	-	-	-	956
Tax rebate	21,476	1,107	-	22,583	12,189
Interest	2	-	-	2	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	67,862	6,196	-	74,058	108,541
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	67,862	6,196	-	74,058	108,541
A3 Payments					
Premises running costs	20,669	335	-	21,004	39,951
Grants & donations paid	1,891	500	-	2,391	2,672
Operating & admin. Costs	5,513	50	-	5,563	16,287
Missional expenses	1,292	-	-	1,292	6,249
Subscriptions	1,591	-	-	1,591	1,452
Employment salaries, NIC & pension	33,038	-	-	33,038	27,017
Loan repayments	6,000	-	-	6,000	2,000
Pastor's removal expenses	-	-	-	-	2,820
COVID 19 Hardship expenses	-	3,020	-	3,020	-
Sub total	69,995	3,904	-	73,899	98,447
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Epson 3LCD Full HD Projector	-	-	-	-	1,059
Computers	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,059
Total payments	69,995	3,904	-	73,899	99,506
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,133	2,291	-	159	9,035
A5 Transfers between funds	- 7,500	7,500	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,904	325	-	21,229	12,194
Cash funds this year end	11,271	10,116	-	21,388	21,229

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	General	11,271	2,616	-
	Deposit		7,500	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,271	10,116	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	71 High Street, Tenterden	General	-	650,000
	Chapel - 69 High Street, Tenterden	General	-	1,250,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	General	5,309	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Loans	General Fund	10,333	30 June 2023
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Iain Bottrill	
	Freddy Farias Palaciou	