

WEM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1149374

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-10-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH SHALL BE:-(1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN WEM AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND(2) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF [THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

Activities: We seek to spread the Bible's message of Jesus and develop people's knowledge and trust in him. We do this mainly through meetings and events organised by the Church, through its website, or by invitation from schools, radio stations and other organisations. Pastoral care is given to people living in the area. We support Missionary and outreach work in North Shropshire, nationally and worldwide.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£118,848	£103,520	-	-
2023-12-31	£115,100	£96,826	-	-
2022-12-31	£106,051	£102,707	-	-
2021-12-31	£85,305	£101,026	-	-
2020-12-31	£83,149	£69,322	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nathan Philip Godfrey Burley	Chair	2022-03-01
Benjamin Thomas Townsend		2024-12-03
Elizabeth Patricia Dakin		2021-12-06
JOHN PAUL TOWERS		2023-12-04
Jonathan Michael Berry		2014-01-13
Lyn Towers		2023-12-04
Robin John Townsend		2023-06-05
Roger Michael Howarth		2024-06-04
Stephen Robert Berry		2026-03-17
Timothy William Whitaker Towers		2024-09-17

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For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

Wem Baptist Church
Trustees Annual Report 2024

**The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements
for 2024**

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"(a) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Church's Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, in Wem and the surrounding neighbourhood; and (b) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, further the work of the Church."

As a church, we are committed to spreading the Bible's message concerning Jesus, to develop people's knowledge of him, and to encourage them to worship, trust and serve him. We seek to encourage as many as possible to follow Jesus's example of love and compassion in serving each other and the wider community.

As in 2023, financial giving remained strong and through the grace of God the church had no difficulties in meeting regular financial commitments.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the activities described below clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

To fulfil the aims and purposes of the Church as stated above, a variety of activities are provided for both the benefit of church members and for the benefit of members of the public. Our weekly Sunday services, at 10.00 am and 6.00 pm, are central to our church life, and are open to the whole community. They are advertised in local publications, on the Church's own and other websites, on the Church's Facebook page, and outside the church building.

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For around fifty years Wem Baptist church has organised a Holiday Bible Club. In 2024 this consisted 4 days of activities centred on a series of Bible stories. It is held in the early part of August and is attended by 80-100 local children from the community. It is greatly appreciated

by both adults and children. We have provided lunchtime food for those on free school meals and SEN children. The children enjoyed Bible stories and Christian teaching at the appropriate level. These days began with games and sports on the local recreation ground before moving to the church building. On the Friday of the week, a parents evening with refreshments was held. It was very well attended and enjoyed by many families who do not normally attend service in the church building.

The Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the church building in Chapel Street, Wem, and the Manse in Station Road, Wem. They also have oversight of the legal and financial integrity of the charity. The Church has insurance policies in place covering assets and potential liabilities which could arise and meets its legal requirements in this area.

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By conviction, Wem Baptist Church is a welcoming group which both encourages the community into our building and seeks to support the town of Wem by getting involved in those events that are compatible with our values and beliefs.

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Summary of the Year

At the start of 2024 the church had a healthy opening cash position of over £65,000. A summary of the 2024 church finances is as follows:

- Income £118,846 (budget £96,085)
Mainly due to increased offerings, gift aid and restricted donations.
- Expenditure £103,518 (budget £116,079)
Savings on expenditure were made in several areas, particularly in the area of Chapel Street repairs and improvements. Funds are ring-fenced for potential manse kitchen upgrade.
- Surplus £15,328 (budgeted deficit £19,994).
- Closing bank balance £80,757.

Other Causes

A total of £14,473 was distributed during 2024 and included gifts to Operation Mobilisation, Checkpoint Christian Youth Trust, Teach Beyond, Platform 67 and the Friends of Wem Cemetery. In addition, a further £3,296 was generously given by Church members via restricted offerings, to a variety of Christian and other charities.

Reserves Policy

The Managing Trustees maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of £10,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Conclusion

The Church enters 2025 with a solid cash balance of over £80,000. Whilst a deficit budget has once again been formulated with significant improvements at Chapel Street anticipated, this is based on a prudent view of income and will not impact on the reserves policy as covered above,

The Managing Trustees are grateful to everyone involved in the management of the church finances and recognise God's continued financial provision to Wem Baptist Church.

Structure, Governance and Management

Wem Baptist Church is a charitable unincorporated association. The way that the church is governed is set out in the church's constitution that was revised and agreed on 20th September 2022. The members of the church elect elders and deacons to govern, manage and serve the church, and together these act as Managing Trustees for the charity. During 2024, one of the elders was a full-time paid worker (as pastor). Three of the Deacons, (the general administrator, financial administrator and cleaner) were also employed part-time. The church's constitution allows for this, with suitable safeguards for the avoidance of conflicts of interest.

The church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), The holding trustee for the manse and the Chapel Street premises is the Church Growth Trust.

Administrative Information

Wem Baptist Church is situated in Chapel Street, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5ER.

Wem Baptist Church's Charity Registration Number is 1149374.

Managing Trustees who have served in the period 1st January 2024 until 31st December 2024 are as follows:

Nathan Burley – Chairman

Jonathan Berry – Vice Chairman

Robin Townsend

Lorna Dakin – Administrator (resigned 4th June 2024)

Ashley Bone (resigned 31st December 2024)

Elizabeth Dakin

Graham Joynes (resigned 4th June 2024)

John Paul Towers

Lyn Towers – Financial Administrator/Treasurer

Roger Howarth (appointed 4th June 2024)

Timothy Towers (appointed 17th September 2024)

Benjamin Townsend (appointed 3rd December 2024)

Declaration

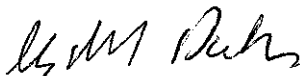
The Managing Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (1):

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Burley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Full Name: Nathan Philip Godfrey Burley
Chair of the Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (2):

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Dakin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Full Name: Elizabeth Patricia Dakin
Trustee & Chair of the Deacons

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Management Committee of Wem Baptist Church
on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

Basis of independent examiner's report

We report on the accounts of Wem Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Group's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Group's officers consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to follow the general directions for the conduct of an independent examination
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions for an independent examination. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the committee 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 a committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep appropriate accounting records; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with applicable financial reporting standardshave not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Community Accounting Services

**Community Accounting Services Ltd
7 Napoleon Drive
Shrewsbury
SY3 5PH**

Date: 18/09/2025

**Wem Baptist Church
Income & Expenditure Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income				
Offerings	87,799	-	87,799	74,270
Gift Aid & Bank Interest	17,661	537	18,198	16,236
Grants	-	100	100	8,926
Donations	738	3,995	4,733	9,913
Refreshments	2,994	-	2,994	2,589
Bookstall	262	-	262	132
Church Groups	2,998	-	2,998	1,988
Other Income	1,764	-	1,764	1,046
Total Income	114,216	4,632	118,848	115,100
Expenditure				
Running costs				
Wages	36,742	-	36,742	36,289
Pension	2,261	-	2,261	2,054
Travel expenses	555	-	555	683
Conference Expenses	815	-	815	1,319
Repairs & Maintenance	5,205	-	5,205	5,777
Light & heat	5,730	-	5,730	5,498
Insurance	3,700	-	3,700	3,290
Rates	3,906	-	3,906	4,059
Legal & professional	1,648	-	1,648	305
Independent examiner	450	-	450	400
Telephone	1,791	-	1,791	1,633
Publicity	1,645	-	1,645	1,917
Computer costs & equipment	4,733	-	4,733	2,134
Licences	773	-	773	739
Bookstall	246	-	246	146
Evangelism	1,312	-	1,312	78
Children & Youth	3,656	-	3,656	2,293
Refreshments	1,978	-	1,978	1,360
Donations to other causes	14,473	5,507	19,980	21,954
Training	24	-	24	25
Deacon's gifts	650	-	650	500
Printing & Stationery	963	-	963	700
Subscriptions	1,500	-	1,500	1,300
General expenses	3,257	-	3,257	2,373
Total Expenses	98,013	5,507	103,520	96,826
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers	16,203	(875)	15,328	18,274
Transfer Between Funds	-	-	-	-
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Fund balance brought forward at 1 January 2024	63,495	1,934	65,429	47,155
Fund Balance Carried Forward at 31 December 2024	79,698	1,059	80,757	65,429

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**Wem Baptist Church
Statement of Assets
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Cash at bank	<u>79,698</u>	<u>1,059</u>	<u>80,757</u>

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Nathan Philip Godfrey Burley
Chair of the Trustees

NPB

Date 28/9/25

Elizabeth Patricia Dakin
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- Expenditure £96,826 (budget £99,433)
Savings on expenditure were made in several areas including Chapel Street and manse expenses (£6,000). Funds are ring-fenced for potential manse kitchen upgrade.
- Surplus £18,274 (budgeted deficit £8,675).
- Closing bank balance £65,429.

Other Causes

A total of £12,320 was distributed during 2023 as follows and included gifts to Operation Mobilisation, Checkpoint Christian Youth Trust, Teach Beyond, Platform 67 and the Friends of Wem Cemetery. In addition, a further £9,624 was generously given by Church members via restricted offerings, to a variety of Christian charities.

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Declaration

The Managing Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (1): _____



Full Name: Nathan Philip Godfrey Burley
Chair of the Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (2): _____



Full Name: Elizabeth Patricia Dakin
Trustee & Chair of the Deacons

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Date: 20/09/2024

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Income				
Offerings	74,270	-	74,270	73,659
Gift Aid & Bank Interest	15,164	1,072	16,236	16,387
Grants	7,926	1,000	8,926	1,390
Donations	1,041	8,872	9,913	10,213
Refreshments	2,589	-	2,589	1,581
Bookstall	132	-	132	158
Church Groups	1,988	-	1,988	1,265
Other Income	1,046	-	1,046	1,398
Total Income	104,156	10,944	115,100	106,051
Expenditure				
Running costs				
Wages	36,289		36,289	33,968
Pension	2,054		2,054	2,741
Travel & relocation expenses	683		683	465
Conference Expenses	1,319		1,319	324
Repairs & Maintenance	5,777		5,777	10,617
Light & heat	5,498		5,498	3,559
Insurance	3,290		3,290	3,008
Rates	4,059		4,059	3,781
Legal & professional	305		305	10,018
Independent examiner	400		400	-
Telephone	1,633		1,633	729
Publicity	1,917		1,917	592
Computer costs & equipment	2134		2,134	3,732
Licences	739		739	689
Bookstall	146		146	192
Evangelism	78		78	920
Children & Youth	2,293		2,293	1,676
Refreshments	1,360		1,360	786
Donations to other causes	12,330	9,624	21,954	19,779
Training	25		25	550
Deacon's gifts	500		500	405
Printing & Stationery	700		700	823
Subscriptions	1,300		1,300	1,000
General expenses	2,373		2,373	2,353
Total Expenses	87,202	9,624	96,826	102,707
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers	16,954	1,320	18,274	3,344
Transfer Between Funds	-	-	-	-
Net Incoming Resources	16,954	1,320	18,274	3,344
Fund balance brought forward at 1 January 2023	46,541	614	47,155	43,811
Fund Balance Carried Forward at 31 December 2023	63,495	1,934	65,429	47,155

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

**Wem Baptist Church
Statement of Assets
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cash at bank	<u>63,495</u>	<u>1,934</u>	<u>65,429</u>

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Nathan Philip Godfrey Burley
Chair of the Trustees



Date 22/09/2024

Elizabeth Patricia Dakin
Trustee & Chair of the Deacons



Date 22/09/2024

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Wem Baptist Church
Trustees Annual Report 2022

**The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements
for 2022.**

Aims and Purposes of the Charity

As an independent, Bible-believing church, Wem Baptist Church's purposes are (as stated in the Church's Constitution): "(a) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Church's Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, in Wem and the surrounding neighbourhood; and (b) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting, further the work of the Church."

As a church, we are committed to spreading the Bible's message concerning Jesus, to develop people's knowledge of him, and to encourage them to worship, trust and serve him. We seek to encourage as many as possible to follow Jesus's example of love and compassion in serving each other and the wider community.

During 2022 the Church returned to more usual services and activities after the years of Coronavirus restrictions. As in 2021, financial giving remained strong and through the Grace of God the church had no difficulties in meeting regular financial commitments.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities described below clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

In order to fulfil the aims and purposes of the Church as stated above, a variety of activities are provided for both the benefit of church members and for the benefit of members of the public. Our weekly Sunday services, at 10.00 am and 6.00 pm, are central to our church life, and are open to the whole community. They are advertised in local publications, on the Church's own and other websites, on the Church's Facebook page, and outside the church building.

We seek to encourage attendance by members of the wider community by making these gatherings friendly, informal and joyful occasions. In addition, these services are

"streamed" and are accessible to all via the Internet, whilst recordings of them are available on the Church's website. During most Sunday morning services "Junior Church" is run, which is open to all primary school-aged children. There is also a Bible class for those in school years 7,8 and 9.

The Church provides a variety of midweek prayer and Bible study meetings to encourage fellowship and growth in the Christian faith, both on the Church premises and in the homes of some members. Once again, these meetings are open to all and are advertised on the Church's website and in the Church's weekly news sheet. One house group has used Zoom to further facilitate attendance for all

Age-appropriate midweek clubs are also provided for children and young people from both "Church" families and from the wider community. The youth leaders held a particularly successful 'Bonfire night' on one of the member's lands. Teenagers from a number of local evangelical churches attended this event.

During term-time, a weekly parent and toddler group is also run by the Church. This mainly serves families from the community. Parents, grandparents and child minders very much appreciate the activities, songs and stories organised for the toddlers and the adults enjoy the refreshments and the time to talk and share. We believe it is very important for children to have plenty of opportunities to mix and play with others of their own age.

On Wem Market Day (Thursday) the church welcomes the community for coffee, tea and cakes. This is not a profit-making opportunity. It is an opportunity to build links with people who do not attend Sunday worship. It is staffed by a committed and enthusiastic group of church volunteers who are always available to provide a listening ear to those who are lonely or troubled.

Where possible, the Church responds to invitations from local primary and secondary schools, radio stations and other organisations to teach the message of the Bible. We have provided speakers for 'Thought for the Day' at the local secondary school, Thomas Adams, Wem. We are grateful for this link with the community.

This year the church responded to the war in Ukraine by setting up a hub for Ukrainian refugees, this met twice a week and offered a range of support services, for example, help with applying for financial grants, job applications, transport to the job centre or local supermarkets, English lessons, visits to local schools, or simply a chance to all meet up. This made contact with 15 Ukrainians in the Wem area. This led to a communal meal attended by over 50 people including refugees, host families and volunteers.

From time to time, the Church offers courses to all who are interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith. We also offer occasional courses in personal finance with material supplied by 'Christians against Poverty.'

Individual pastoral and spiritual advice are offered to people living in the church's locality. We conduct marriages and funerals in accordance with the teaching of the Bible. We support missionary and evangelistic work in North Shropshire, nationally and internationally. This year we have supported a teacher/ missionary in Kenya.

For around fifty years Wem Baptist church has organised a Holiday Bible Club. This consists of a week of activities centred on a series of Bible stories. It is held in the early part of August and is attended by 80-100 local children from the community. It is greatly appreciated by both adults and children. For the last few years, we have linked to the government's "Holiday Activities and Food Programme" to provide activity and food for free school meals and SEN children town. The children enjoyed Bible stories and Christian teaching at the appropriate level. This year we developed a hybrid of a roadshow around the play parks for two days followed by three days where we were based at the church. This is enjoyed by many families who do not normally attend services in the church building. On the Friday of the week, a parents evening with refreshments was held. It was very well attended.

The Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the church building in Chapel Street, Wem, and the Manse in Station Road, Wem. They also have oversight of the legal and financial integrity of the charity. The Church has Insurance policies in place covering assets and potential liabilities which could arise and meets its legal requirements in this area.

The Trustees have agreed a number of policies which are in place and reviewed regularly including the Child Protection policy and the Health and Safety policy which are both reviewed annually. The Trustees have put in place a comprehensive range of employment policies and continue to highlight the importance and relevance of the Data Protection procedures. The Trustees meet four times a year. These meetings are formally recorded, and these records are available for inspection by the Charity Commission and the Independent Examiner.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its ministries mainly in numbers,

including financial numbers, but in less tangible ways like growth of individuals in their Christian faith and in opportunities to share the Christian gospel with members of the community. Such "success" is difficult to measure, but the Trustees rejoice in another year when the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been shared with the town of Wem. This year we have provided free literature both outside the church building in Chapel Street and near the exit from the CO-OP supermarket. These include Bibles, books and leaflets. These have proved popular and hundreds of items have been taken. We are encouraged to find that they have not then been dropped in the street and have not contributed to littering.

Attendance at the Sunday services in Wem average around 100 in the mornings and around 45 in the evenings. Much of the work of the church was carried out by a large number of volunteers who, amongst other ministries, serve as musicians, Home-group leaders, lay preachers, children's and youth leaders, visitors to the sick and elderly, church maintainers, administrators, and so on. We give thanks to the Lord for their faithful and fruitful efforts. This year we welcomed a new Pastor, Nathan Burley, who led many of the services, contacted those in need of pastoral support and chaired the Trustees and the other decision-making meetings. The church's administrator, financial administrator and cleaner were employed on part-time contracts. We are very grateful to them especially as they give extra time voluntarily.

Wem Baptist Church continues to seek to support those facing financial challenges. The church building is a collection point for the local food bank. The Deacons hold a fund which can be called upon by the church leaders to support those in financial need.

Overseas Missionary work was also supported last year, with continued finance given to a number of organisations. The details of the support given are included in the Treasurer's Report below.

By conviction, Wem Baptist Church is a welcoming group which both encourages the community into our building and seeks to support the town of Wem by getting involved in those events that are compatible with our values and beliefs. 2022 concluded with an outdoor 'Walk-about Nativity'. On a cold Saturday morning before Christmas members of the church dressed as Nativity characters and positioned themselves around the town. Families had to search them out and obtain special clues from each character. Then activities and refreshments were organised back at the church with refreshments for all the family. This was well received by the community.

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

Summary of the Year

At the start of 2022 the church had a healthy opening cash position of over £43,000. A summary of the 2022 church finances is as follows:

- Income £106,051 (budget £74,165)
Mainly due to increased offerings, gift aid and restricted donations.
- Expenditure £102,707 (budget £108,089)
Savings on expenditure were made in several areas including ministerial expenses (£3,700), Chapel Street expenses (£2,500) and manse expenses (£6,000). Funds are ring-fenced for potential manse kitchen upgrade.
- Surplus £3,344 (budgeted deficit £33,924)
- Closing bank balance £47,155

Other Causes

A total of £9,553 was distributed during 2022 as follows and included gifts to Operation Mobilisation, Checkpoint Christian Youth Trust, WEC International and the Friends of Wem Cemetery. In addition, a further £9,223 was generously given by Church members via restricted offerings, to a variety of Christian charities

Reserves Policy

The Managing Trustees maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of £10,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Conclusion

The Church enters 2023 with a solid cash balance of over £47,000. Whilst a deficit budget has once again been formulated, this is based on a prudent view of income and will not impact on the reserves policy as covered above,

The Managing Trustees are grateful to everyone involved in the management of the church finances and recognise God's continued financial provision to Wem Baptist Church.

Structure, Governance and Management

Wem Baptist Church is a charitable unincorporated association. The way that the church is governed is set out in the church's constitution that was revised and agreed on 4th March 2019. The members of the church elect elders and deacons to govern, manage and serve the church, and together these act as Managing Trustees for the charity. During 2022, one of the elders was a full-time paid worker (as pastor). Two of the Deacons, (the General Administrator and cleaner) were also employed part-time. The church's constitution allows for this, with suitable safeguards for the avoidance of conflicts of interest.

The church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), During 2022 the holding trustee for the manse and the Chapel Street premises was transferred to the Church Growth Trust.

Our Pastor and Chair of Trustees, Rev Colin D Jones, retired on 28th February 2022 and a new Pastor and Chair of Trustees, Nathan Burley, was appointed on 1st March 2022.

Administrative Information

Wem Baptist Church is situated in Chapel Street, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5ER.

Wem Baptist Church's Charity Registration Number is 1149374.

Managing Trustees who have served from 1st January 2022 until 31st December 2022 as follows:

Colin Jones -Chairman (until 28th February 2022)

Nathan Burley – Chairman (appointed 1st March 2022)

David Rowe -Vice Chairman (until 6th June 2022)

Jon Berry

Lorna Dakin -Administrator

Ashley Bone

Elizabeth Dakin

Graham Joynes

Declaration

The Managing Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

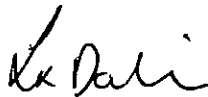
Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (1):



Full Name: Nathan Philip Godfrey Burley

Chair of the Trustees

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (2):



Full Name: Lorna Ruth Dakin

Trustee & Chair of the Deacons

**Independent Examiner's Report to the
Management Committee of Wem Baptist Church
on the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

Basis of Independent examiner's report

We report on the accounts of Wem Baptist Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Group's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Group's officers consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts
- to follow the general directions for the conduct of an independent examination
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions for an independent examination. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the committee 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 a committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep appropriate accounting records; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with applicable financial reporting standardshave not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Community Accounting Services

**Community Accounting Services Ltd
7 Napoleon Drive
Shrewsbury
SY3 5PH**

Date: 11 October 2023

Wem Baptist Church
Income & Expenditure Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income				
Offerings	73,659	-	73,659	64,232
Gift Aid & Bank Interest	15,329	1,058	16,387	10,925
Grants	-	1,390	1,390	750
Donations	1,821	8,392	10,213	7,838
Refreshments	1,581	-	1,581	-
Bookstall	158	-	158	155
Church Groups	1,265	-	1,265	783
Other Income	351	1,047	1,398	622
Total Income	94,164	11,887	106,051	85,305
Expenditure				
Running costs				
Wages	33,968	-	33,968	38,679
Pension	2,741	-	2,741	2,279
Travel & relocation expenses	465	-	465	4,246
Conference Expenses	324	-	324	-
Repairs & Maintenance	10,617	-	10,617	24,123
Light & heat	3,559	-	3,559	2,268
Insurance	3,008	-	3,008	3,177
Rates	3,781	-	3,781	1,289
Legal & professional	10,018	-	10,018	2,645
Telephone	729	-	729	741
Publicity	592	-	592	411
Computer costs & equipment	3,732	-	3,732	407
Licences	689	-	689	1,123
Bookstall	192	-	192	169
Evangelism	920	-	920	2,808
Children & Youth	1,676	-	1,676	1,215
Refreshments	786	-	786	222
Donations to other causes	9,553	10,226	19,779	11,114
Training	550	-	550	184
Deacon's gifts	405	-	405	284
Printing & Stationery	823	-	823	513
Subscriptions	1,000	-	1,000	800
General expenses	1,306	1,047	2,353	2,329
Total Expenses	91,434	11,273	102,707	101,026
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers	2,730	614	3,344	(15,721)
Transfer Between Funds	-	-	-	-
Net Incoming Resources	2,730	614	3,344	(15,721)
Fund balance brought forward at 1 January 2022	43,811	-	43,811	59,532
Fund Balance Carried Forward at 31 December 2022	46,541	614	47,155	43,811

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**Wem Baptist Church
Statement of Assets
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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Cash at bank	46,541	614	47,155

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Chair of the Trustees



Date 15/10/23

Lorna Ruth Dakin
Trustee & Chair of the Deacons



Date 15/10/23

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As a church, we are committed to spreading the Bible's message concerning Jesus, to develop people's knowledge of him, and to encourage them to worship, trust and serve him. We seek to encourage as many as possible to follow Jesus's example of love and compassion in serving each other and the wider community.

2021 was another highly unusual year because of the Coronavirus pandemic, which continued to impact on services and normal activities. Although Wem Baptist Church tried to fulfil our strategic aims and objectives, many adjustments had to be made. January 1st 2021 found us in our third lockdown. All 'in-person' services were closed and Sunday worship was 'on-line'. On February 28th we began meeting again in the church building. However, there were many statutory restrictions which had to be observed. Social distancing, wearing of face masks and the restriction of singing to people in the music group were the most challenging. Gradually through the year things returned to near normal. As in 2020, financial giving remained strong and through the Grace of God the church never had difficulties in meeting regular financial commitments.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities described below clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

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The Church provides a variety of midweek prayer and Bible study meetings to encourage fellowship and growth in the Christian faith, both on the Church premises and in the homes of some members. Once again, these meetings are open to all and are advertised on the Church's website and in the Church's weekly news sheet. Throughout the pandemic these meetings were held via 'Zoom' when necessary.

Age-appropriate midweek clubs are also provided for children and young people from both "Church" families and from the wider community. While these ceased during the lockdown, they started up again in the summer of 2021 first outside at the town's recreation ground and then with dark, cold nights they moved into the church building. The youth leaders held a particularly successful 'Bonfire night' in the grounds of a local Christian conference centre. Teenagers from a number of local evangelical churches attended this event.

During term-time, a weekly parent and toddler group is also run by the Church. This mainly serves families from the community. Parents, grandparents and child minders very much appreciate the activities, songs and stories organised for the toddlers and the adults enjoy the refreshments and the time to talk and share. Again government rules and advice were followed. The adults were asked to observe social distancing regulations. We believe it is very important for children have plenty of opportunities to mix and play with others of their own age.

On Wem Market day (Thursday) the church welcomes the community for coffee, tea and cakes. This is not a profit making opportunity. It is an opportunity to build links with people who do not attend Sunday worship. It is staffed by a committed and enthusiastic group of church volunteers who are always available to provide a listening ear to those who are lonely or troubled. Unfortunately, because of Covid, during 2021 this service to the community had to be withdrawn. However, members of the Coffee morning team visited many doorsteps and delivered cake as well as checking that regular attendees were getting on well.

Where possible, the Church responds to invitations from local primary and secondary schools, radio stations and other organisations to teach the message of the Bible. These were greatly curtailed in 2021 at the request of the schools. However, the Pastor did continue to lead 'Thought for the Day' at the local secondary school, Thomas Adams, Wem. We are grateful for this link with the community.

From time to time, the Church offers courses to all who are interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith. We also offer occasional courses in personal finance with material supplied by 'Christians against Poverty.'

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The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the church building in Chapel Street, Wem, and the manse in Station Road, Wem. They also have oversight of the legal and financial integrity of the charity. The Church has insurance policies in place covering assets and potential liabilities which could arise and meets its legal requirements in this area.

The Trustees have agreed a number of policies which are in place and reviewed regularly including the Child Protection policy which was reviewed in 2021 and the Health and Safety policy which is reviewed annually. The Trustees have put in place a comprehensive range of employment policies and continue to highlight the importance and relevance of the Data Protection procedures. The Trustees meet four times a year. These meetings are formally recorded and these records are available for inspection by the Charity Commission and the Independent Examiner. In 2021 there were also a number of extraordinary meetings.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its ministries mainly in numbers, including financial numbers, but in less tangible ways like growth of individuals in their Christian faith and in opportunities to share the Christian gospel with members of the community. Such "success" is difficult to measure, but the Trustees rejoice in another year when the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been shared with the town of Wem. This year we have provided free literature both outside the church building in Chapel Street and near the exit from the CO-OP supermarket. These include Bibles, books and leaflets. These have proved popular and

hundreds of items have been taken. We are encouraged to find that they have not then been dropped in the street and have not contributed to littering.

In normal times attendance at the Sunday services in Wem average around 100 in the mornings and around 40 in the evenings. These numbers have been maintained on-line and although some of the older members have not had internet access we have gained viewers from other parts of the UK and abroad. The Pastor continued to send out a daily 'Thought for the Day'. These include a Bible reading, words of encouragement and prayers. These have proved extremely popular both in Wem as well further afield with subscribers as far away as Florida and Japan. For those who do not have internet access, these 'thoughts' can be listened to on a land line (via a service called Twilio.).

Much of the work of the church was carried out by a large number of volunteers who, amongst other ministries, serve as musicians, Home-group leaders, lay preachers, children's and youth leaders, visitors to the sick and elderly, church maintainers, administrators, and so on. We give thanks to the Lord for their faithful and fruitful efforts. As in the previous few years, in 2021 we had one Pastor, Rev Colin D Jones who led the majority of the services, contacted those in need of pastoral support and chaired the Trustees and the other decision-making meetings. His experience and scholarship was invaluable to the smooth running of the Church. The church's administrator, financial administrator and cleaner were employed on part-time contracts. We are very grateful to them especially as they give extra time voluntarily.

The Church's week-long summer Holiday Bible Club for the children of Wem was replaced by a roving event with a jungle theme, held at the park areas around the town. The children enjoyed Bible stories and Christian teaching at the appropriate level. These events also enabled us to take part in the Government's "Holiday Activities and Food Programme" by providing lunches to those children who normally receive free school dinners.

Wem Baptist Church continues to seek to support those facing financial challenges. The church building is a collection point for the local food bank. The Deacons hold a fund which can be called upon by the church leaders to support those in financial need.

Overseas Missionary work was also supported last year, with continued finance given to a number of organisations. The details of the support given are included in the Treasurer's Report below.

We were not able to allow community groups to use our building in 2021 for infection control reasons. But by conviction Wem Baptist Church is a welcoming group which both encourages the community into our building and seeks to support the town of Wem by getting involved in those events that are compatible with our values and beliefs. The pandemic restrictions made this impossible last year.

2021 concluded with two very successful events. Firstly, an outdoor walk-about Nativity. On a cold Saturday morning before Christmas members of the church dressed as Nativity characters and positioned themselves around the town. Families had to search them out and

obtain special clues from each character. This was well received by the community. Secondly, an outdoor Christmas Carol celebration took place on the Town square next to the supermarket. Despite the cold and the fog, over one hundred and twenty attended in person and many more watched 'on-line'. All was arranged in a Covid safe way with effective marshalling.

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2021

Summary of the Year

At the start of 2021 the church had a healthy opening cash position of nearly £60,000. A deficit budget was set taking a prudent view of income and the costs forecast to cover improvements to the manse. The budgeted cash position at the year-end was approximately £24,000.

The ongoing pandemic has impacted the budget and, whilst there is a reduction in cash, this is not as great as was forecast and the church ended 2021 with a cash balance of over £43,000. This was encouraging in the light of some £20,000 being incurred on improvements to the manse. Income was higher than budgeted due to increased offerings and a refund of council tax for the period that the manse was unoccupied. Expenses were generally lower than budgeted largely due to the impact of lockdown on church activities.

Other Causes

The church earmarks approximately 10% of offerings, gift aid and donations to other causes. A total of £8,205 was distributed during 2020 as follows: Operation Mobilisation £4,000, Platform 67 £85, WEC International £4,000 and the Friends of Wem Cemetery £120. In addition, a further £2,909 was generously given by Church members via restricted offerings, including £850 to Tear Fund and £850 to OM for relief work in Afghanistan.

Reserves Policy

The Charity Commission expects the Managing Trustees to decide, publish, implement and monitor their charity's reserves policy so that they can comply with their legal duties. The Managing Trustees therefore maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of £10,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Conclusion

The Church enters 2022 with a solid cash balance of £43,000. With the lifting of restrictions many church activities have resumed, and a new Pastor has been appointed. Whilst a deficit

budget has once again been formulated, this is based on a prudent view of income and will not impact on the reserves policy as covered above,

The Managing Trustees are grateful to everyone involved in the management of the church finances and recognise God's continued financial provision to Wem Baptist Church..

Structure, Governance and Management

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The way that the church is governed is set out in the church's constitution that was revised and agreed on 4th March 2019. The members of the church elect elders and deacons to govern, manage and serve the church, and together these act as Managing Trustees for the charity. During 2021, one of the elders was a full-time paid worker (as pastor). Two of the Deacons, (the Financial Administrator and General Administrator) were also employed part-time. On April 30th the financial administrator resigned as a deacon and Trustee while continuing to work as the financial administrator. The church's constitution allows for this, with suitable safeguards for the avoidance of conflicts of interest.

The church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), and the Fellowship Property Trust at present acts as Holding Trustee with regard to the church building and the Manse. During 2021 we were informed that the Fellowship Property would not act as holding Trustees going forward and we must seek alternative arrangements. We are, as of December 2021, in the process of transferring our deeds to the Church Growth Trust of The Barn, 1 Manor Farm Barns, Baines Lane, Seaton, Oakham LE15 9HP

Our Pastor and Chair of Trustees, Rev Colin D Jones, was due to retire in April 2019. However, he kindly continued in post at the request of the Elders until a replacement was found. On 15th November 2021, at a special members' meeting, it was decided to call Nathan Burley as our next Pastor. He had visited the church and preached prior to the call and his appointment was welcomed by the church. We all look forward to him taking up his office on March 1st 2022.

Administrative Information

Wem Baptist Church is situated in Chapel Street, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5ER, and correspondence can be directed there for the attention of the Church Administrator.

Wem Baptist Church's Charity Registration Number is 1149374.

Managing Trustees who have served from 1st January 2021 until 31st December 2021 as follows:

Colin Jones -Chairman

David Rowe -Vice Chairman

Tim Towers (until 7th March 2021)

Jon Berry

Ron Dakin (until Dec. 2021, unable to attend Trustees Meetings since March 2020 due to illness)

Lorna Dakin -Administrator

Lynne Towers (until 7th December 2021)

Paul Towers (until 7th June 2021)

Graham Joynes

Lyn Towers (until 30th April 2021)- Finance Administrator

Ashley Bone

Elizabeth Dakin (from December 2021)

Declaration

The Managing Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (1):



Full Name: Nathan Philip Godfrey Burley

Position: Chairman

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (2):



Full Name: Lorna Ruth Dakin

Position: Trustee & Chair of the Deacons



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Wern Baptist Church

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st January 2021

To

31st December

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					
Total Offerings	64,232	-	-	64,232	67,033
Gift Aid & Bank Interest	10,690	-	-	10,690	11,419
Total Donations	5,114	-	-	5,114	630
Total Refreshments	-	-	-	-	499
Total General	1,560	-	-	1,560	921
Total Restricted	-	3,709	-	3,709	2,648
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,596	3,709	-	85,305	83,149
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,596	3,709	-	85,305	83,149
A3 Payments					
Total Ministerial	34,390	-	-	34,390	31,041
Total Manse	24,241	-	-	24,241	4,342
Total Chapel Street	11,213	-	-	11,213	10,047
Total Evangelism	2,304	-	-	2,304	1,402
Total Children & Youth	1,165	-	-	1,165	1,660
Total Other Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Total Refreshments	222	-	-	222	344
Total Restricted Donations	-	3,709	-	3,709	2,598
Total Music/Tech	1,754	-	-	1,754	1,392
Deacon's Gifts	284	-	-	284	450
Total Other Causes	8,205	-	-	8,205	7,850
Total General Expenditure	13,539	-	-	13,539	8,196
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	97,317	3,709	-	101,026	89,322
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	97,317	3,709	-	101,026	69,322
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 15,721	-	-	- 15,721	13,827
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	59,532	-	-	59,532	45,705
Cash funds this year end	43,811	-	-	43,811	59,532

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 at bank	43,811	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	43,811	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

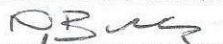
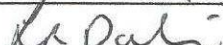
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church building	Unrestricted	-	-
	Equipment & Fittings	Unrestricted	-	-
	Musical, video & audio equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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
	Nathan Philip Godfrey Burley	23-May-22
	Lorna Ruth Dakin	23-May-22

**Independent Examiners report to the trustees of Wem Baptist Church
Charity number 1149374**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wem Baptist Church ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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WEM BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1149374

Accounts

Wem Baptist Church

Trustees Annual Report 2020

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements for 2020.

2020 was a highly unusual year because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Although Wem Baptist Church tried to fulfil its strategic aims and purposes, many adjustments had to be made. The weekly pattern of meetings and events functioned normally during January and February. On March 16th the Trustees had an extraordinary meeting at which it was decided to close all 'face to face' meetings including Sunday Services and to switch to 'on-line services'. A week later HMG announced a 'stay at home' policy and the UK went into virtual lockdown. During the rest of the year there were periods of relaxation of the regulations. However, church life had not returned to normal by December 31st 2020.

Aims and Purposes of the Charity

As an independent, Bible-believing church, Wem Baptist Church's purposes are (as stated in the Church's Constitution): "(a) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Church's Basis of Faith, primarily, but not exclusively, in Wem and the surrounding neighbourhood; and (b) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the members of the Church in general meeting further the work of the Church."

As a church, we are committed to spreading the Bible's message concerning Jesus, to develop people's knowledge of Him, and to encourage them to worship, trust and serve Him. We seek to encourage as many as possible to follow Jesus's example of love and compassion in serving each other and the wider community.

Objectives and Activities

The Trustees have read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and are satisfied that the activities described below clearly demonstrate that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

In order to fulfil the aims and purposes of the Church as stated above, a variety of activities are provided for both the benefit of church members and for the benefit of members of the public. Our weekly Sunday services, at 10.00 am and 6.00 pm, are central to our church life, and are open to the whole community. They are advertised in local publications, on the Church's own and other websites and outside the church building.

We seek to encourage attendance by members of the wider community by making these gatherings friendly, informal and joyful occasions. During most Sunday morning services "Junior Church" is run, which is open to Primary school-aged and younger Secondary-aged children. In addition, these services are "streamed" and are accessible to all via the Internet, whilst recordings of them are available on the Church's website.

The Church provides a variety of midweek prayer and Bible study meetings to encourage fellowship and growth in the Christian faith, both on the Church premises and in the homes of some members. Once again, these meetings are open to all and are advertised on the Church's website and in the Church's weekly news sheet.

Age-appropriate midweek clubs are also provided for children and young people from both within "Church" families and from the wider community.

A term-time, weekly parent and toddler group is also run by the Church. This mainly serves families from the community. Parents, grandparents and child minders very much appreciate the activities, songs and stories organised for the toddlers and the adults enjoy the refreshments and the time to talk and share.

On Wem Market day (Thursday) the church welcomes the community for coffee, tea and cakes. This is not a profit-making opportunity. It is an opportunity to build links with people who do not attend Sunday worship. It is staffed by a committed and enthusiastic group of church volunteers who are always available to provide a listening ear to those who are lonely or troubled.

Where possible, the Church responds to invitations from local Primary and Secondary schools, radio stations and other organisations to teach the message of the Bible.

From time to time, the Church offers courses to all who are interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith.

Individual pastoral and spiritual advice is offered to people living in the church's locality. We conduct marriages and funerals in accordance with the teaching of the Bible. We support missionary and evangelistic work in North Shropshire, nationally and internationally.

These regular meetings took place until March 16th 2020. After this date Sunday services were provided by a link-up between Zoom and an on-line platform called Sherpa. The Zoom element enabled the church musicians to take part from their own homes. Bible readings were also provided from individual homes and the Pastor preached over the Internet from his study.

Contact with members and regular attendees were maintained through phone calls and Zoom meetings. The small fellowship groups were quickly transferred to Zoom and operated throughout the year. These have been very much appreciated.

Contact with children and teenagers proved to be more difficult as they are largely activity-based. However, in August and September the rules allowed for small groups of children to take part in activities outdoors. A roadshow of events were held in the recreational area of Wem. These were greatly appreciated by the residents of the town and were enjoyed by many families who do not normally attend services in the church building.

Wem Baptist Church is supported by considerable on-line giving and therefore, although Sunday collections ceased, the charity income still enabled us to meet all our expenditure obligations. This will be commented in more detail later and is evidenced in the accounts attached.

The Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the church building in Chapel Street, Wem, and the manse in Station Road, Wem. They also have oversight of the legal and financial integrity of the charity. The Church has insurance policies in place covering assets and potential liabilities which could arise and meets its legal requirements in this area.

They have agreed a number of policies which are in place and reviewed regularly, including the Child Protection policy which has been reviewed this year and the Health and Safety policy which is reviewed annually. The Trustees have put in place a comprehensive range of employment policies and continue to highlight the importance and relevance of the Data Protection procedures. The Trustees meet four times a year. These meetings are formally recorded and these records are available for inspection by the Charity Commission and the Independent Examiner. This year there have also been a number of extraordinary meetings following operational decisions made as a result of the pandemic.

Achievements and Performance

The Church does not measure the success of its ministries mainly in numbers, including financial numbers, but in less tangible ways like growth of individuals in their Christian faith and in opportunities to share the Christian gospel with members of the community. Such "success" is difficult to measure, but the Trustees rejoice in another year when the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been shared with the town of Wem. This year we have provided free literature both outside the church building in Chapel Street and at the exit from the Co-op supermarket. These include Bibles, books and leaflets. These have proved popular and hundreds of items have been taken. We are encouraged to find that they have not then been dropped in the street and have not contributed to littering.

In normal times attendance at the Sunday services in Wem average around 100 in the mornings and around 40 in the evenings. These numbers have been maintained on-line and, although some of the older members have not had Internet access, we have gained viewers

from other parts of the UK and abroad. In March 2020, the Pastor also started to send out a daily 'Thought for the Day'. These include a Bible reading, words of encouragement and prayers and have proved extremely popular both in Wem as well further afield with subscribers as far away as Florida and Japan. For those who do not have internet access these 'thoughts' can be listened to on a land line via a service called Twilio.

Much of the work of the church was carried out by a large number of volunteers who serve as musicians, home-group leaders, lay preachers, children's and youth leaders, visitors to the sick and elderly, church maintainers, administrators, amongst other ministries. We give thanks to the Lord for their faithful and fruitful efforts. We have one Pastor, Rev Colin D Jones. He leads the majority of the services, contacts those in need of pastoral support and chairs the Trustees and the other decision-making meetings. His experience and scholarship is invaluable to the smooth running of the Church.

In 2020 there were regular weekly meetings for children and young people from January to early March. Since then Toddler, children and teenage groups have continued whenever legal and Covid safe. Where possible they have been held outside on the town recreation ground. Numbers have had to be restricted and detailed 'Risk assessments' have been in place.

The Church's week-long summer Holiday Bible Club was replaced by an event entitled 'Bible on the Beach'. This included many of the activities usually found on a seaside beach but it took place on grassed areas around Wem. The children enjoyed Bible stories and Christian teaching at the appropriate level. The local police were helpful in checking we were Covid safe.

Wem Baptist Church continues to seek to support those facing financial challenges. The Pastor's house became a drop off point for the local food bank and funds support some people known to us who needed immediate help prior to receiving Universal Credit.

Overseas Missionary work has also been supported this year, with continued finance given to a number of organisations. The details of the support given are included in the Treasurer's Report below.

This year we were not able to allow community groups to use our building. But by conviction Wem Baptist Church is a welcoming group which both encourages the community into our building and seeks to support the town of Wem by getting involved in those events that are compatible with our values and beliefs. The pandemic has made this impossible this year.

2020 concluded with two very successful events. Firstly, an outdoor Nativity and town trail for the families of Wem. Secondly, a 'drive in' Christmas Carol celebration took place on the Town swimming pool car park. Nearly fifty cars attended and in addition there were over fifty seated on chairs. All was arranged in a Covid safe way with effective marshalling.

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2020

Summary of the Year

We entered 2020 with a strong cash balance of nearly £46,000. A deficit budget was set for 2020 taking a prudent view of income, with the expectation of additional ministerial costs resulting from the appointment of a new pastor and the cost of significant improvements required in relation to the manse.

The pandemic has seen income and expenditure varying significantly from the budget. However, having taken a prudent position in income the actual income was £83,149 compared to the budgeted income of £78,980. Online giving has more than compensated for the lack of offerings at face-to-face services in the church building.

Expenditure was budgeted at £102,202 but was significantly less at £69,322. Some reduction in costs arose due to the closure of the church building during the pandemic but the main savings arose because the improvements to the manse were deferred until 2021 and a new pastor has yet to be appointed.

The increase in income and reduction in expenses resulted in an unrestricted surplus of almost £14,000 and the closing cash position was almost £60,000.

Other Causes

We earmark approximately 10% of offerings, gift aid and donations to other causes. A total of £7,850 was distributed during 2020 as follows: Operation Mobilisation £4,000, United Beach Missions £750, Cloverley Hall £700, Platform 67 £700, AIM International £700, Good News for Everyone £500, Keele University CU Mission Week £250 and Warwick University CU Mission Week £250. In addition, a further £2,648 was generously given by Church members via restricted offerings which other than £210 was given to Tear Fund (£1,158) and the support of a church member going to serve as a missionary with WEC (£1,280)

Reserves Policy

The Charity Commission expects the Managing Trustees to decide, publish, implement and monitor their charity's reserves policy so that they can comply with their legal duties. The Managing Trustees therefore maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of £10,000 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. In addition, the Trustees have also set aside a further £10,000 from unrestricted funds as part of the general reserves.

Conclusion

The Church enters 2021 with an extraordinarily strong cash balance of £60,000. This will allow us to deal with the proposed manse refurbishment during 2021 and to manage the potential downturn in income due to the continuing uncertainties arising from the virus control measures still in place in 2021.

The trustees are grateful for the smooth handover of the finances by the outgoing treasurer and for the support of others during the year to ensure the seamless management of the church finances.

The area of church finance requires a prudent approach, but the Trustees are always thankful to God for His continued provision.

Post End of year financial comment

Covid 19

As a result of the above, the Charity Commission has issued guidance to all Charities. In particular:

" Trustees should consider what are their short, medium and longer term priorities, and see if they need to amend their financial planning given their current situation. Trustees are encouraged in particular to think about whether or not certain projects, spends or activities can be stopped or delayed in order to focus on essential spending if they are facing financial challenges at this time."

As a church we have entered 2021 with a strong cash balance, which remains positive even allowing for one off expenditure on our manse of around £20k in our 2020 budget. As a result of the Charity Commission's guidance, the Managing Trustees have been monitoring the churches cash position very carefully during 2020 and will continue to do so during 2021. If needed, the trustees will delay any non-essential expenditure if they consider it places the church finances under any strain.

Structure, Governance and Management

Wem Baptist Church is a charitable unincorporated association.

The way that the church is governed is set out in the church's constitution that was revised and agreed on 4th March 2019. The members of the church elect elders and deacons to govern, manage and serve the church, and together these act as Managing Trustees for the charity. During 2020, one of the elders was a full-time paid worker (as pastor). Two of the Deacons, (Treasurer and Administrator) are also employed part-time. The church's constitution allows for this, with suitable safeguards for the avoidance of conflicts of interest.

The church is affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), and FIEC Ltd. acts as holding trustee with regard to the church building and the Manse.

Administrative Information

Wem Baptist Church is situated in Chapel Street, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 5ER, and correspondence can be directed there for the attention of the Church Secretary.

Wem Baptist Church's Charity Registration Number is 1149374.

Managing Trustees who have served from 1st January 2020 until 31st December 2020

Colin Jones (Chairman)

David Rowe (Vice Chairman)

Tim Towers

Jon Berry

Ron Dakin

Nick Larcombe (Trustee & Treasurer until 3rd June)

Lorna Dakin (Secretary)

Lynne Towers

Paul Towers

Graham Joynes

Lyn Towers (from 2nd March, Treasurer 3rd June)

Ashley Bone (from 19th December)

Declaration

The Managing Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (1):

Full Name: Colin Jones

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.D. Jones', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Position: Chairman

Signed on behalf of the Managing Trustees (2):

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Full Name: Lynne Towers

Position: Chairman of the Deacons



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

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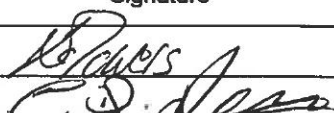
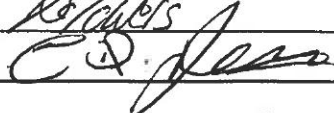
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31st December

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					
Total Offerings	67,033	-	-	67,033	61,613
Gift Aid & Bank Interest	11,419	-	-	11,419	13,061
Total Donations	630	-	-	630	9,200
Total Refreshments	499	-	-	499	1,819
Total General	921	-	-	921	3,041
Total Restricted	-	2,648	-	2,648	2,016
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	80,501	2,648	-	83,149	90,749
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	80,501	2,648	-	83,149	90,749
A3 Payments					
Total Ministerial	31,041	-	-	31,041	35,220
Total Manse	4,342	-	-	4,342	4,689
Total Chapel Street	10,047	-	-	10,047	24,940
Total Evangelism	1,402	-	-	1,402	2,604
Total Children & Youth	1,610	50	-	1,660	871
Total Other Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Total Refreshments	344	-	-	344	982
Total Restricted Donations	-	2,598	-	2,598	1,746
Total Music/Tech	1,392	-	-	1,392	2,601
Deacon's Gifts	450	-	-	450	500
Total Other Causes	7,850	-	-	7,850	9,600
Total General Expenditure	8,196	-	-	8,196	4,543
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	66,674	2,648	-	69,322	88,297
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	66,674	2,648	-	69,322	88,297
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,827	-	-	13,827	2,453
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,705	-	-	45,705	43,252
Cash funds this year end	59,532	-	-	59,532	45,705

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 at bank	59,532	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,532	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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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
		LYNNE TOWERS		18/08/21
		COLIN JONES		18/08/21

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