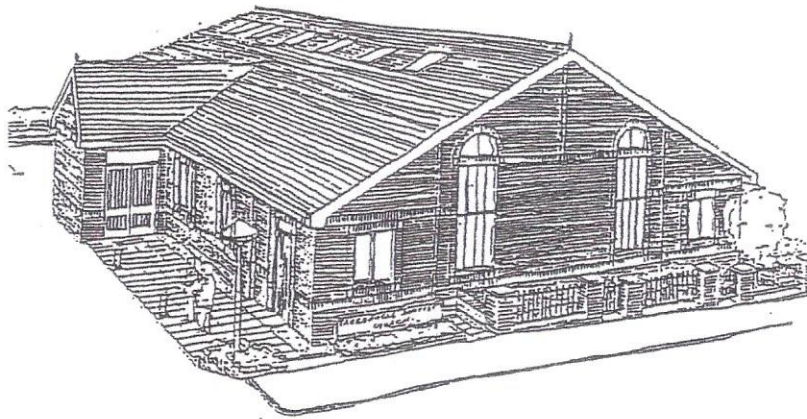


TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

(a Registered Charity in England & Wales – Number: 1154127)



Dyffryn Road
Llandrindod Wells
Website: www.tabernaclebaptist.co.uk

Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities (Annual Return and Accounts) for the year ending 31st December 2022

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells Trustees Annual Report 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st, December 2022. The Trustees believe that the financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements and the Charity's governing documents.

Charity Objectives

The objects of the Church are:

- 1) the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Confession of Faith, primarily but not exclusively in Llandrindod Wells and the surrounding neighbourhood;
- 2) such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the managing Trustees, further the work of the Church.

It does this for the public benefit by means of its main activities which are as follows:

- Regular morning and evening Sunday Services.
- Mid-week Bible Study, Prayer Meetings and occasional Missionary Meetings, on Tuesday evenings. During one week per month, the Church Fellowship meets in small groups rather than a mid-week service in the Church. The Church follows a process of reading the Bible together which involves the Church setting a monthly book or group of books in the Bible for the Fellowship to read during the month, following a study plan which involves answering a series of questions about the text. The Fellowship then meets in small groups to discuss and share what they have learned from the book or books in question.
- Sunday School, during the Sunday Morning Services.
- Parent/Carer and Toddlers' group on Thursday mornings ("Tab Tots").
- Initially Monthly and now bi-Monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat Meetings on Friday mornings.
- Friday evening Children's Meetings – the Church Junior Club for children aged from 4 years old to the end of Primary School.

- Friday evening, after Junior Club, young people's meetings for youth of Secondary School age (Tabernacle Youth Club – TYC).
- Visiting of and distribution of literature to the local community. This included the distribution of the Church Calendar.
- Support (financially, practically and in prayer) of other Christian workers/organizations in the UK and overseas.
- Church Camps (currently this is through arranging places for Tabernacle young people at externally organized camps).
- Annual Holiday Bible Club.
- Gospel Tent outreach at local shows.

The above list of activities reflects the normal position in the Church and 2022 was the first full year of Church activities following the restrictions that were put in place during the Covid-19 pandemic. The advice provided through the weekly notice sheet to those attending the Church reflects the on-going need for the use of hand sanitizers and the freedom for those attending to wear face coverings if they wished.

Charity Details

Address of the Charity:

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Correspondence Address:

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Trustees of Tabernacle Baptist Church

Elder: Rev. Robert Thomas (Pastor).

Deacons: Mr. Matthew Butterfill, Mr. Kevin Lewis, Mr. Gerald Hughes, Mr. John Mitson (Secretary), Mr. Josh Thomas and Mr. Andrew Wilson.

Deaconesses: Mrs. Hilary Bowen and Mrs. Jan Willemsen (resigned during the year).

Church Officer: Mrs. Eleri Halliday (Treasurer)

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner for Tabernacle Baptist Church is currently Mr. Eryl Jones, B.Sc.; F.C.C.A.; C.T.A. 12 Station Terrace, Llanybydder, Carmarthenshire SA40 9XX

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Organisation

The charity is administered by the trustees listed above. New trustees are appointed by resolution of the members of the charity in accordance with the constitution. They remain in office until their resignation, disqualification or until their term of office expires, in accordance with the church constitution.

Paid Trustees

Rev. Robert Thomas (Pastor)

Staff

In addition to the Pastor, the Church has in place an Assistant Pastor (in training). This is a 3 year appointment and the purpose of the post is to give a man who is preparing for the Christian Ministry the opportunity of working in support of a Pastor in an active local church in order to gain hands-on experience of ministry. The individual gains from mentoring by the Pastor and the Church gains from the involvement of the Assistant Pastor in the life of the Church and their skills and qualities. The post was filled with effect from 1st December, 2020 and the employee is a valued addition to the ministerial provision within the Church.

A further initiative, during the Autumn, was the appointment of an Intern to work in the Church for a period of 3 months. This was an opportunity for an individual to experience working within a local gospel church, while, at the same time, developing their own personal Christian work.

Activities

Regular Meetings

The regular meetings on a Sunday continued throughout the year with a morning service at 10.30 am and an evening service at 6.00 pm. The Sunday School meets at the same time as the morning service, with the children joining the service at the start and then departing for their own programme including their classes. The average attendance at Sunday services was 70 – 80 people of all ages, with 10 – 15 children attending Sunday School. The live streaming of the Church services continued

throughout the year and a number of people continued to watch the services from across the country.

Other weekly activities include Tab Tots (our Parent/Carer and Toddler Group), Junior Club (for children aged 4 to the end of primary school) and Youth Club (for young people of high school age). The monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat sessions have grown in popularity and are now provided on a bimonthly basis while our bring and share Fellowship lunches continue to be held on the first Sunday of each month and remain as popular as ever.

The Church Membership on 1st January, 2022 amounted to 51 and during the year it decreased by 5 and increased by 1 so the total number of members by 31st December, 2022 amounted to 47. Although there is always an element of movement in Church membership as friends move in and out of the area, it is encouraging to report that our Church Membership has remained reasonably steady. The main ministry is provided by our Pastor and Assistant Pastor (in training) but, during the year, we have been ministered to by one of our Church Deacons and, occasionally, by a visiting speaker.

Outreach Activities

A variety of different outreach activities have included a Harvest Supper, held in the Church and a Church Bonfire and Fireworks Evening which started on a local farm and then continued with refreshments and a meeting at a local community hall, close to the farm and our partner Church, the Pound Baptist Church. Other outreach activities comprised a series of Carol Services, including an outside Christmas Eve Carol Service; a Christmas Sunday Fellowship Lunch; the distribution throughout the town and surrounding area of the Church Calendar, which contains landscape photographs of the local area, taken by members and friends of the Church, and appropriate Bible Texts; use of the Gospel Tent at local shows as well as the distribution throughout the town of invitations to our events and activities.

Children's and Youth Work

The young people's work continued to have good numbers attending, with 20-40 adults and children at our 'Tab Tots' toddlers group, 30-35 primary school aged children at 'Junior Club' and 5 - 10 teenagers at Tabernacle Youth Club on a weekly basis. A Holiday Bible Club was held in the first week of the school Easter Holidays entitled the 'Easter Special Holiday Bible Club'. Many in the church helped and approximately 45 children attended. The format, adopted in 2018, of holding 2 full days, with the provision of lunch, rather than 4 half days, was maintained and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Mission

On various occasions throughout the year, we hosted visits from representatives of Christian missionary societies who updated us on their activities. These meetings were held in the Church and, on occasions, were live streamed.

We have continued to support Christian missionary organizations and individual Christian workers in prayer and through financial support. Some of this support has been in the form of one-off gifts while others have been supported on a regular basis. During the year, specific gifts have been sent to support ministry in Peru.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

We have held a number of funeral services during this last year. However, there were no weddings and no services of Believer's Baptism during the year.

Use of the Church Building.

In addition to our own services and activities, the Church building has been made available, in the past, to Christian organizations including ministers' fraternals and mission organizations. However, no such use took place in 2022, partly because of a general lack of face to face meetings and the increase of virtual activities.

Buildings and Facilities

Ongoing work is undertaken on the structure and fabric of the building and the surrounding premises so as to maintain them in a safe condition and to ensure that they are fit for purpose. The work of closing in the upper spaces above the side rooms in the hall has been continued and, when the fabric covered panels have been fitted the acoustics in the hall will be improved, creating an excellent lesser space for smaller meetings. The planned completion date is Easter, 2023.

During the year, the Church completed its annual review of its Safeguarding arrangements. The Church continues to be a member of Thirtyone:eight, formerly the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, and uses their service for DBS checks. It also used their model documents to assist in reviews.

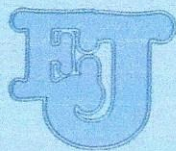
The Church also reviews its Health and Safety risk assessments on an annual basis and this process also ensures that on-going advice regarding use of hand sanitizers, received during the recent pandemic, is included in the Church weekly notice sheets.

Funding

Our funds are received mainly from the members and those attending our services. The trustees consider the financial position of the Charity to be satisfactory, and that sufficient and appropriate reserves are held to safeguard the future operations of the Charity. Our reserves policy is to have 9 months expenditure in hand, or more if we think appropriate. We recognize that the current reserves exceed that amount as we are now employing an Assistant Pastor (in training). During the year, the Church Officers undertook and completed a further Financial Review using the Charity

Commission questionnaire on 'Internal Financial Controls for Charities' and this was found to be a useful exercise for the Church.

**Financial Report – for the financial
year ended 31st December 2022**



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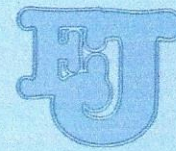
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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 examiners 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
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the 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.

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Date: 29.03.23.



Charity Name		No
TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LLANDRINDOD WELLS		1154127
Receipts and Payments Accounts		
For the period from	Period start 01/01/2022	To Period end 31/12/2022

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	Unrestricted General funds to nearest £	Restricted Mission funds to nearest £	Designated Capital Projects funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	2021 to nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	108,379	26,280	-	134,659	118,181
Gift Aid Claims	14,027	3,507	-	17,534	15,046
Bank Interest	170	-	-	170	10
Private Copying	50	-	-	50	37
Tab Tots	56	-	-	56	5
Premises Fees	100	-	-	100	50
Misc	230	-	-	230	
Sub-total Receipts	123,012	29,787	-	152,799	133,329
A2 Asset and investment sales,	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	123,012	29,787	-	152,799	133,329

A3 Payments					
Ministerial Costs (inclusive of Employer's NI, mileage, book allow	38,012	-	-	38,012	35,422
Assistant Pastor in Training (inclusive, as above)	26,979	-	-	26,979	20,901
Intern (inclusive of Rent Allowance & book allowance)	1,856	-	-	1,856	-
Visiting speakers	1,395	-	-	1,395	445
Sunday School	1,092	-	-	1,092	1,403
Children's Work	2,398	-	-	2,398	807
Gifts	161	-	-	161	3,587
Bank Charges	205	-	-	205	16
Printing	5,868	-	-	5,868	4,278
Building Rep & Maint	216	-	-	216	217
Fittings	1,644	-	-	1,644	356
Fuel	4,267	-	-	4,267	2,088
Water	149	-	-	149	84
CD Recording	35	-	-	35	48
IT, Wifi & Web, Licences	1,168	-	-	1,168	1,102
Insurance	1,106	-	-	1,106	1,053
Auditor Fee	180	-	-	180	180
Kitchen Supplies & Food	1,082	-	-	1,082	1,015
ThityOne:Eight (Safeguarding)	252	-	-	252	129
Ministry Support	140	-	-	140	-
Benevolence donations	9,555	-	-	9,555	1,000
Sundry	1,478	-	-	1,478	1,312
Mission Support	-	51,430	-	51,430	45,530
Project expenditure	-	-	1,683	1,683	3,176
Sub-total Payments	99,238	51,430	1,683	152,351	124,149
A4 Asset investment purchases,	-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	99,238	51,430	1,683	152,351	124,149
Net of receipts/payments	23,774	- 21,643	- 1,683	448	9,181
A5 Transfers between funds	- 21,644	21,644	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	92,556	-	20,644	113,200	104,019
Cash funds this year end	94,686	1	18,961	113,648	113,200

Categories

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated Fund
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash At Bank, and in Hand	90,686	1	18,961
Stewardship Voucher	4,000	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	94,686	1	18,961

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated Fund
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
			-

B3 Investment assets

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Building at historical cost	Unrestricted	112,990	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Eleri Halliday	29.3.23