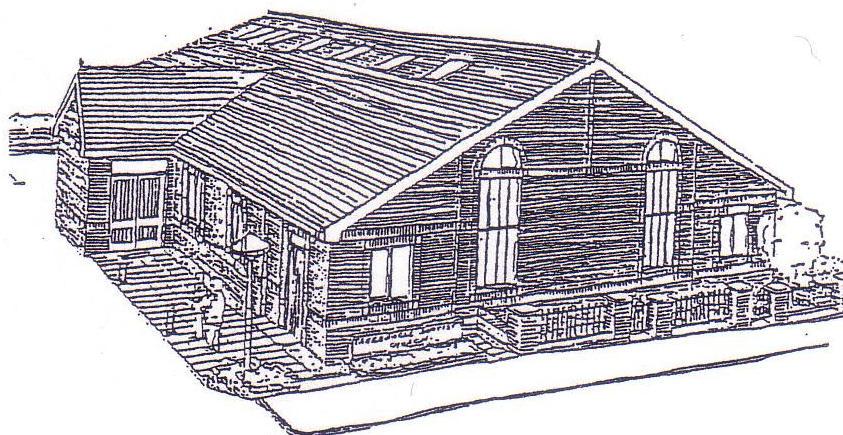


TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

(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 2023

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells Trustees Annual Report 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st, December 2023. 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 Sunday morning and evening Services.
- Mid-week Bible Study, Prayer Meetings and occasional Missionary Meetings, on Tuesday evenings. For the first two months of the year, during one week per month, the Church Fellowship met in small groups rather than a mid-week service in the Church. The Church followed a process of reading the Bible together which involved 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 involved answering a series of questions about the text. The Fellowship then met in small groups to discuss and share what they had learned from the book or books in question. During Lent and Easter, the whole Church read a book of appropriate daily readings, in preparation for Easter i.e. 'From Glory to Glory' by Tom Parsons and the weekly Bible Studies included discussions around the readings of the previous week. During the remainder of the year, the Bible Studies focused on a series of monthly Biblical modules i.e. The Plan of Salvation, Who is Jesus Christ, Errors about Jesus and salvation, What is the Old Testament all about and What is the New Testament all about.
- Sunday School, during the Sunday Morning Services.
- Parent/Carer and Toddlers' group on Thursday mornings ("Tab Tots").
- 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, post the Covid-19 pandemic. Although the Covid-19 restrictions were removed during 2021, 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 wish.

Charity Details

Address of the Charity:

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Dyffryn Road, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6AN

Correspondence Address:

Mr. John Mitson, "Carneddau", 4 Highbury Fields, Llanyre, Llandrindod Wells, Powys LD1 6NF

Trustees of Tabernacle Baptist Church

Elders: Rev. Robert Thomas and Rev. Tom Baker (Joint Pastors with effect from 23rd January, 2023).

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. 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

Bankers

HSBC PLC
Middleton Street
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Powys LD1 5EU

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 and Rev. Tom Baker (Joint Pastors)

Staff

At the beginning of the year, in addition to the Pastor, the Church had in place an Assistant Pastor (in training). This was a 3 year appointment and the purpose of the post was to give a man who was 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 gained from mentoring by the Pastor and the Church gained 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 was a valued addition to the ministerial provision within the Church. Church Members and Officers very much appreciated the contribution made to the Church and its ministry by the Assistant Pastor (in training) and, during December, 2022, Church Officers prepared a proposal for consideration by the Church that, although his 3 year appointment still had some months to run, the Assistant Pastor (in training) be appointed as Joint Pastor with the current Pastor. This was considered by the Church Members at an Extraordinary Church Meeting, held on 23rd January, 2023, when it was unanimously resolved that the Assistant Pastor (in training) be appointed to the post of Joint Pastor with immediate effect. The Church also resolved to continue with its Assistant Pastor (in training) programme but no appointment to this post was made during the year. In addition, no appointment was made to the post of Intern to work in the Church.

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 8 – 13 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.

Our Mid-week meeting is held on a Tuesday and comprises Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies, together with the occasional Missionary Meeting.

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 twice-monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat sessions have grown in popularity 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, 2023 amounted to 47 and during the year it decreased by 1 and increased by 7 so the total number of members by 31st December, 2023 amounted to 53. 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 Joint Pastors 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 and embedded helpful thoughts; and 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 when the theme was 'Good News', the same as last year. Many in the church helped and a pleasing number of 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 Ukraine, Peru, Philippines, Poland, India, Jordan, Turkey, Syria, Mongolia and Papua New Guinea.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

We have held a number of funeral services during this last year. In addition, one wedding was held and one baptismal service at which two young people were baptized.

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 2023, partly because of a general reduction in face to face meetings and the increase of virtual activities.

Buildings and Facilities

Ongoing work has been 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 was completed, during the year, and the fitting of the fabric covered panels has significantly improved the acoustics in the hall, creating an excellent lesser space for smaller meetings.

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

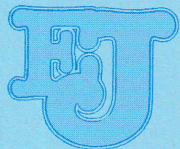
Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, and uses their service for DBS checks. It also uses their model documents to assist in reviews.

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, originally received during the Covid-19 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 a second Pastor, in a joint pastorate arrangement. 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. No adjustments to the Charity's financial controls were deemed to be necessary on this occasion.

Financial Report – for the financial year ended 31st December 2023



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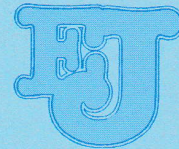
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Llandrindod Wells for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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: 04.04.24.

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| Charity Name | | No | | CC16a |
| TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, LLANDRINDOD WELLS | | 1154127 | | |
| Receipts and payments accounts | | | | |
| For the period from | Period start date | To | Period end date | |
| | 01/01/2023 | | 31/12/2023 | |

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted General funds | Restricted Mission funds | Designated Capital Projects funds | Total funds | 2022 |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Offerings | 111,359 | 31,786 | - | 143,145 | 134,659 |
| Gift Aid Claims | 17,795 | 4,449 | - | 22,244 | 17,534 |
| Bank Interest | 1,549 | - | - | 1,549 | 170 |
| Private Copying | 10 | - | - | 10 | 50 |
| Tab Tots | 94 | - | - | 94 | 56 |
| Premises Fees | 0 | - | - | - | 100 |
| Misc | 946 | - | - | 946 | 230 |
| Sub total (Gross income) | 131,753 | 36,235 | - | 167,988 | 152,799 |
| A2 Asset investment sales, (see table). | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 131,753 | 36,235 | - | 167,988 | 152,799 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| RWT Ministerial Costs (inclusive of Employer's NI, pension, mileage, book allowance) | 40,541 | - | - | 40,541 | 38,012 |
| TLB Ministerial costs (inclusive of Employer's NI, pension, mileage, book allowance) | 38,918 | - | - | 38,918 | 26,979 |
| RWT, pension arrears | 6,072 | - | - | 6,072 | 0 |
| Intern costs | 0 | - | - | - | 1,856 |
| Visiting speakers | 1,380 | - | - | 1,380 | 1,395 |
| Sunday School | 1,098 | - | - | 1,098 | 1,092 |
| Children's Work | 1,329 | - | - | 1,329 | 2,398 |
| Donations & Gifts | 102 | - | - | 102 | 161 |
| Bank Charges | 209 | - | - | 209 | 205 |
| Printing | 5622 | - | - | 5,622 | 5,868 |
| Building Rep & Maint | 1218 | - | - | 1,218 | 216 |
| Fittings | 3615 | - | - | 3,615 | 1,644 |
| Fuel | 7518 | - | - | 7,518 | 4,267 |
| Water | 286 | - | - | 286 | 149 |
| CD Recording | 0 | - | - | - | 35 |
| IT, Wifi & Web, Licences | 1168 | - | - | 1,168 | 1,168 |
| Insurance | 1050 | - | - | 1,050 | 1,106 |
| Auditor Fee | 180 | - | - | 180 | 180 |
| Kitchen Supplies & Food | 1263 | - | - | 1,263 | 1,082 |
| ThityOne:Eight (Safeguarding) | 307 | - | - | 307 | 252 |
| Ministry Support | 18 | - | - | 18 | 140 |
| Benevolence | 6300 | - | - | 6,300 | 9,555 |
| Sundry | 857 | - | - | 857 | 1,478 |
| Mission Support | 0 | 57,640 | - | 57,640 | 51,430 |
| Project expenditure | 0 | - | 1,771 | 1,771 | 1,683 |
| Sub total | 119,051 | 57,640 | 1,771 | 178,462 | 152,351 |
| A4 Asset investment purchases, (see table) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 119,051 | 57,640 | 1,771 | 178,462 | 152,351 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 12,702 | - 21,405 | - 1,771 | - 10,474 | 448 |
| A5 Transfer to Mission Fund (Tithe) | - 21,608 | 21,608 | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 94,686 | 1 | 18,961 | 113,648 | 113,200 |
| Cash funds this year end | 85,780 | 204 | 17,190 | 103,174 | 113,648 |

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

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Designated Fund |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B1 Cash funds | Cash At Bank and in Hand | 85,780 | 204 | 17,190 |
| | | | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | | 85,780 | 204 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | ✓✓✓ | ✓✓✓ | ✓✓✓ |
| | | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Designated Fund |
| | | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | | | |
| | Cash & Voucher to bank | 345 | - | - |
| | Voucher | 190 | - | - |
| | | | | |
| | 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 | Building at historical cost | Unrestricted | 112,990 | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | | |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | - | Unrestricted | - | |
| | | Restricted | - | |
| | | | | |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | | Date of approval |
| |  | E. Halliday | | 28.3.24 |