

Registered Charity no. 1158755

Yardley Baptist Church

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31st December 2023



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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference

The Charity is called "Yardley Baptist Church". The Church is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 2nd October 2014.

Registered Charity Number 1158755

Registered Office Rowlands Road
Birmingham
B26 1AT

Website <https://www.yardleybaptist.co.uk/>

Trustees

Rev Alison Taylor	<i>Appointed 09/01/23</i>
Heather Kelcey	<i>Appointed 15/03/23</i>
Hannes Laurer	<i>Appointed 15/03/23</i>
Stephen Aylin	
Alison Aylin	
Isobel Easton	
Danny Sinnassamy	
Laura Williams	
Emily Hanson	<i>Resigned April 23</i>
Jo Green	<i>Resigned April 23</i>

Primary Bankers Lloyds Bank Plc
Ariel House
2138 Coventry Road
Sheldon
B26 3JW

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Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants
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Trustee's Annual Report

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the Christian faith through the provision of worship and teaching services and the relief of sickness, financial hardship and promoting good health. This has been achieved by the provision of funds, and services.

We are a church that seeks to be rooted in the local community, wanting to see everyone become all that they can be, though encountering Christ and His Kingdom. Our aim is to be 'A community deeply rooted in authentic Christian discipleship, branching out to embody and share God's radical love for the whole world.'

We seek to do this through the vision of Jesus in Acts 1:7-8 that gives his mandate to his followers to; Trust the Father, Receive the Spirit and Tell the story of the Son.

We live this out through our 5 values:

- We are a Baptist Church that is part of the Baptist Union of Great Britain in the Heart of England Baptist Association.
- We are affiliated to the FreshStreams Leaders network.
- The church is also affiliated with the Evangelical Alliance and supports many Charitable organisations such as Tearfund, BMS World Mission, Christian Aid, and Birmingham City Mission amongst others.
- We seek to work closely with other local churches of all traditions in the desire to see the community positively impacted.

Objectives and Principal Activities

The Charity was constituted in 2009 and registered as a separate Charity on 2 October 2014. The principal purpose of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist Denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Structure, governance and management

Our Trustees are familiar with the practical work of the Charity and are active Church members. Trustees are kept abreast of ongoing matters through their involvement with the Church's day to day activities. The Board meet formally fortnightly every 2nd and 4th Thursday each month to agree and review the Church's strategy and ensure all Church matters are administered and dealt with appropriately.

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Financial Review

The Charity's statement of receipts and payments shows a net surplus of £30,237.

The Charity's receipts for the year equated to £131,944 and payments were £101,707. We continue to be very grateful to all who generously donate to our Church. The weekly offertory ensures our Church can continue to achieve its very important aims and objectives.

The fund balances at the year end were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	103,467	72,243
Restricted Funds	6,806	7,792
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Total	110,273	80,035

Going Concern

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

Reserves Policy

The Church held £73,713 in unrestricted and undesignated funds at the end of December 2023. It is the trustees' intention to hold unrestricted reserves of between 3 and 6 months of operating costs. Where unrestricted funds are held over this amount the trustees will review the financial position of the charity and evaluate where surplus funds are best spent and invested.

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Achievement and Performance

Our charity's activities during the year included the following:

- Boys Brigade and Girls Association
- Welcome centre – lunch for local elderly people
- SuperSign – baby and parent / carer learning activity.
- Room hire for community use
- Church use for conferences and seminars
- Kids' Church - Sunday school for children
- Fundraising for various charities and causes
- Collecting food for Foodbank
- Contributing to Christmas toy parcels for disadvantaged children
- Renew – a wellbeing space for those that need support.
- Supporting various organisations via monthly communion offerings
- Continuous contact and support offered to churchgoers and members via Sunday services and 'encounter group' meetings
- Ongoing regular financial support of three chosen charities
- Providing employment
- Building church community by hosting meals, film reels and quizzes
- Supporting community by providing venue for funerals
- Supporting climate action, by recycling and disposing of many items used on site in an eco-friendly manner
- Providing a course for new Christians to enable them seeking and delving into their faith more deeply

Approved by the Trustees

Isobel Easton

Name of Trustee:

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:



Date of Approval:

28/10/2024

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Yardley Baptist Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
Garforth
Leeds
LS25 1AF

Date: 28/10/2024

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

		2023	2022
		Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
Note	£	£	£
Receipts			
Donations and legacies		113,721	108,132
Charitable activities		8,469	6,125
Investment income		633	3
Other income		400	-
Total Receipts	2	123,223	114,260
Payments			
Payments on charitable activities	3	92,475	103,641
Total Payments		92,475	103,641
Net Receipts / (Payments)		30,748	10,619
Net Movement in Funds (Cash)			
Total funds (cash) brought forward	7	72,243	69,416
Transfers	7	476	-
Total Funds (Cash) Carried Forward	7	103,467	80,035
Funds Represented by			
General (unrestricted)		73,713	46,453
Designated (unrestricted)		29,754	25,790
Restricted funds		-	7,792
		103,467	80,035

Approved by the Trustees

Name of Trustee:

Isobel Easton

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date of approval:

28/10/2024

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As the accounts are prepared on a cash basis and thus there is no formal Balance Sheet or Statement of Financial Position. A statement of assets and liabilities is outlined giving an indication of the charity's assets instead at the year end. The fixed assets are disclosed in this statement according to the value held in the churches insurance document.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets	96,843	96,843
	<u>96,843</u>	<u>96,843</u>
Current assets		
Cash at Bank and Petty Cash	110,273	80,035
	<u>110,273</u>	<u>80,035</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis when receipts and payments take place through the bank account or petty cash.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal, often known as a 'special offering' in the church.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources and the money has been paid.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis when payments have been made through the bank account or by petty cash.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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2 Analysis of Receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies			
Donations and offerings	110,845	4,945	115,790
Gift aid	2,571	670	3,241
Fellowship fund	-	1,057	1,057
Bible notes	305	-	305
Make lunch	-	-	-
	<u>113,721</u>	<u>6,672</u>	<u>120,393</u>
Charitable Activities			
Boys brigade	-	266	266
Boys b' and girls a' combined	-	1,783	1,783
Other charitable activities	1,149	-	1,149
Welcome centre	7,320	-	7,320
	<u>8,469</u>	<u>2,049</u>	<u>10,518</u>
Investment Receipts			
Interest	633	-	633
	<u>633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>633</u>
Other Income			
Room hire	400	-	400
	<u>400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400</u>
Total Receipts	<u>123,223</u>	<u>8,721</u>	<u>131,944</u>

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2 Analysis of Receipts (*Continued*)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies			
Donations and offerings	69,299	7,302	76,601
Gift aid	27,619	2,198	29,817
Fellowship fund	-	1,214	1,214
Bible notes	347	-	347
Make lunch	-	153	153
	<u>97,265</u>	<u>10,867</u>	<u>108,132</u>
Charitable Activities			
Boys brigade	-	1,021	1,021
Boys b' and girls a' combined	-	-	-
Other charitable activities	483	-	483
Welcome centre	4,621	-	4,621
	<u>5,104</u>	<u>1,021</u>	<u>6,125</u>
Investment Receipts			
Interest	3	-	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
Other Income			
Room hire	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receipts	<u>102,372</u>	<u>11,888</u>	<u>114,260</u>

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3 Payments on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Bank charges	396	-	396
Bible notes	260	-	260
Church costs	36,664	-	36,664
Fellowship fund	-	-	-
Insurance	3,077	9	3,086
Make Lunch	-	20	20
Building refurbishment and maintenance	456	-	456
Ministerial costs	36,267	-	36,267
Missionary grants	11,558	7,135	18,693
	<u>88,678</u>	<u>7,164</u>	<u>95,842</u>
Other Activities			
Boys brigade	-	-	-
Boys b' and girls a' combined	-	2,068	2,068
Welcome centre	3,797	-	3,797
	<u>3,797</u>	<u>2,068</u>	<u>5,865</u>
	<u><u>92,475</u></u>	<u><u>9,232</u></u>	<u><u>101,707</u></u>

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3 Payments on Charitable Activities (*Continued*)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Bank charges	270	-	270
Bible notes	307	-	307
Church costs	38,598	11,805	50,403
Fellowship fund	-	2,620	2,620
Insurance	3,040	-	3,040
Make Lunch	-	587	587
Building refurbishment and maintenance	15,957	-	15,957
Ministerial costs	6,658	-	6,658
Missionary grants	14,197	5,818	20,015
	<u>79,027</u>	<u>20,830</u>	<u>99,857</u>
Other Activities			
Boys brigade	-	873	873
Boys b' and girls a' combined	-	-	-
Welcome centre	2,911	-	2,911
	<u>2,911</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>3,784</u>
	<u>81,938</u>	<u>21,703</u>	<u>103,641</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustees' report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

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5 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The Charity does not have an ultimate controlling party as it is controlled jointly by the Board of Trustees.

No Trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the Charity during the year.

During the year ended 31 December 2023 Rev Alison Taylor received remuneration of £22,045, pension contributions of £6,139 and received the provision of residential accommodation. This was received for Alison's role as minister and was not for his role as trustee.

Expenses for Trustees undertaking their duties during the year ended 31 December 2023 totalled £5,235 (2022: £2,468). All expenditure was incurred for the day to day running of the church.

6 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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7 Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted Funds

	1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted					
General	46,453	115,462	(88,678)	476	73,713
Designated					
HEBA investments (perviously Building Improvements)	21,884	441	-	-	22,325
Welcome centre café	3,906	7,320	(3,797)	-	7,429
Total Unrestricted	72,243	123,223	(92,475)	476	103,467

Restricted Funds

	£	£	£	£	£
Fellowship funds	1,103	1,057	-	-	2,160
LED screen	9	-	(9)	-	-
Missionary work	4,081	5,615	(7,135)	-	2,561
Make lunch	1,201	-	(20)	-	1,181
Boys brigade	383	266	-	(649)	-
Girls brigade	490	-	-	(490)	-
Toddlers group	526	-	-	(526)	-
Boys brigade and girls association	-	1,783	(2,068)	1,189	904
Total Restricted	7,792	8,721	(9,232)	(476)	6,806
Total Funds and Cash	80,035	131,944	(101,707)	-	110,273

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Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

Unrestricted Funds

	1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	31 Dec 2022 £
Unrestricted					
General (unrestricted)	38,162	97,748	(79,027)	(10,430)	46,454
Designated					
HEBA investments (perviously Building Improvements)	21,881	3	-	-	21,884
Welcome centre café	2,196	4,621	(2,911)	-	3,906
Total Unrestricted	62,239	102,372	(81,938)	(10,430)	72,244

Restricted Funds

Fellowship funds	2,509	1,214	(2,620)	-	1,103
LED screen	-	1,384	(11,805)	10,430	9
Missionary work	1,886	8,013	(5,818)	-	4,081
Make lunch	1,532	256	(587)	-	1,201
Boys brigade	235	1,021	(873)	-	383
Girls brigade	490	-	-	-	490
Toddlers group	526	-	-	-	526
Total Restricted	7,177	11,887	(21,704)	10,430	7,791
Total Funds and Cash	69,416	114,258	(103,643)	-	80,035

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Fund Descriptions

Designated Funds

HEBA investments (previously Money set aside for as investments
Building Improvements)

Welcome centre café For the purchase of food and utensils to provide hot meals for the elderly. The funds income is generated through contributions towards the food, and may be designated for other purposes with the charity.

Restricted Funds

Fellowship fund Financial gift for individuals within our church community who find themselves in financial difficulty (members and non members included).

LED screen Funds raised to purchase a new LED screen for the church

Missionary work Specifically for charities homeland and overseas, helping to finance missionary work.

Make lunch Provision of weekly free lunches for children during school holidays.

Boys & girls brigade Christian youth organisations which support children and young people to reach their potential by providing opportunities and experiences.

Toddlers group For the provision of refreshments, craft and teaching materials for young children.

Boys brigade and girls association Christian youth organisations which support children and young people to reach their potential by providing opportunities and experiences. This fund income is through subscription fees and contributions towards activities.

Transfers between funds

A transfer was made from the boys & girls brigade funds to combine the activities as now operating as one association.

A transfer was made from the Toddler group, donated to the general funds of the church, when the toddler group stopped operating.