

Secretary Report 2022

As we emerged out of the COVID-19 pandemic, we challenged ourselves as to what clubs and groups could restart and what changes we could make in order to make them more effective.

Our evening services now start at 5:00pm where we can bring our tea and have fellowship with one another prior to the service consisting of singing hymns, praying together and looking at various subjects, such as the feasts and sacrifices in the Bible, and how to share the gospel with...yourself, children, atheists. These have been a source of great help as we seek to build one another up in the faith and continue that level of intimacy we enjoyed during the lockdown when meetings were held on Zoom.

Little Fishes restarted in September 2022 and is showing really encouraging signs with lots of new mums and children. The new children's work, renamed CKC (Caerwent Kids Club), starts October 7th along with the Youth. Both meetings will now take place on a Friday evening at 5:30pm and 7:00pm respectively.

Membership numbers have remained steady. Sadly, we said goodbye to our dear friends, Evan and Dorothy Griffiths, who moved into their daughter's house so that they can be better cared for in their advancing years. Their final service with us was very emotional and we miss them greatly. Also, this year the eldest member of our church, Margaret Lovell, was called home. Margaret was living in a nursing home in recent years but will be remembered with love and affection by all in the Chapel.

We were delighted to be able to hold our Fireworks evening at the home of Rob and Aimee Phelps. This was a fantastic evening where 300+ people came to watch amazing fireworks, listen to the music provided by the chapel folk band and hear a short gospel talk by Gwydion. Some great contacts were made, including the local MP.

The ladies hosted the Christmas Wreath making evening in the Village Hall which was a wonderful evening with some great conversations and opportunity to give invitations to other meetings.

We were able to book the Village Hall to host our Carols by Candlelight evening. This is always a special evening, and the earlier time brought many families along to enjoy carols and a gospel message.

Moving into the Summer of 2022 we held our first Holiday Club in 3 years. It was a really great week with a team who gave of their time and energy to give the children a great time of learning songs, doing craft, quizzes, games and watching the daily sketch. The week culminated in the Friday sausage sizzle where the church building was packed with the children and their parents.

The Caerwent Village show restarted in 2022 after the enforced break. This was a smaller event than previous years and the chapel were a visible presence with our gazebo that contained games, free books and an opportunity for those attending to answer the "question of the day".

2022 also saw a big change to the fabric of the building as we skimmed the walls and repainted the entire main hall in blue and white. All have commented that it gives the room a fresh, modern and inviting feel. We have also invested in a new piano. This works well through the PA system when other instruments are being played and allows us to transpose hymns into singable key signatures.

In June 2022 the church appointed Libby Emlyn to be our church worker. Her appointment relieves the Elders of some duties so they can be freed up to visit and preach more effectively. The appointment will also allow help our Pastor greatly in visitation of the ladies in the church and an opportunity for outreach possibilities from Caerwent.

It was a joy to return to meeting in person with our AECW cluster churches in 2022 for our cluster prayer meeting. We continue to hold regular missionary prayer meetings on a Wednesday evening from a variety of organisations including those from the five organisations to whom we give a tenth of our annual income.

I'm grateful to those who have preached for us while our Pastor has been on holiday or preaching in other churches. These include our own Elders and those from other local churches.

As you can tell from the above 2021-22 was a busy year and we look to God to grow the church both in number but also in fruitfulness and faithfulness to his word.

Andrew Close



Caerwent
Evangelical Baptist Chapel

Caerwent Baptist Chapel
Year Ended 31 March 2022
Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	2022		2021		Change
		£	£	£	£	
<u>Income</u>						
Offerings		6,550.57		16,009.39		-9,458.82
Covenants and gifts		42,986.91		37,931.70		5,055.21
Tax credit – Covenanted Income		£9,482.93		£9,845.25		-362.32
			59,020.41		63,786.34	-4,765.93
Monmouthshire C.C. - re upkeep of graveyard			240.00		240.00	-
Total Income			59,260.41		64,026.34	-4,765.93
<u>Expenditure</u>						
Wages and Allowances	1	43,327.64		38,151.34		5,176.30
Printing and Publicity	2	-		42.56		-42.56
Insurance and Rental Fees	3	894.55		860.54		34.01
Speakers		968.00		700.60		267.40
Outreach		-		-		-
Repairs and Sundries	4	12,450.84		4,138.97		8,311.87
Npower & British Gas		2,934.70		2,611.30		323.40
Talk Talk		317.22		281.91		35.31
Welsh Water		178.88		302.03		-123.15
ThirtyOne:Eight		312.75		205.75		107.00
Thesaurus S/W Brightpay Connect		7.20		-		7.20
Churches Child Protection Fees		-		-		-
Donations	5	14,089.29		4,970.00		9,119.29
Furnishings/Equipment	6	-		2,506.28		-2,506.28
Sunday School/Mini/Mega/Giga		134.88		-		134.88
Pastor's Book Allowance		443.08		430.74		12.34
Cleaner		-		360.00		-360.00
Total Expense			76059.03		55,562.02	20,497.01
Net (Deficit)/Surplus for the Year			-16,798.62		8,464.32	-25,262.94

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Year Ended 31 March 2022
Notes to the Income and Expenditure Account

Note	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
1	<u>Wages and Allowances</u>			
	Pastor's Stipend	28,826.94	26,451.29	
	National Insurance	11,588.37	9,326.37	
	Pastor's Pension Policy	2,912.33	2,373.68	
		<u>43,327.64</u>	<u>38,151.34</u>	
2	<u>Printing and Publicity</u>			
	C.P.O.	-	-	
	Evangelicals Now	-	-	
	Advertising	-	-	
	Stationary General	-	42.56	
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>42.56</u>	
3	<u>Insurance and Rental Fees</u>			
	Buildings, contents and money insurance	894.55	860.54	
		<u>894.55</u>	<u>860.54</u>	
4	<u>Repairs and Sundries</u>			
	Food function & Fun Day expenses	22.23	-	
	Buildings	4,050.00	-	
	Holiday Club/Fun Day/Outreach	2,023.00	874.76	
	Sundry	6,355.61	3,264.21	
		<u>12,450.84</u>	<u>4,138.97</u>	
5	<u>Donations</u>			
	Ruth & martin (STO)	500.00	2,000.00	
	Others (see below)	13,239.29	2,300.00	
	Student (STO)	350.00	420.00	
	AECW (See below)	-	250.00	
		<u>14,089.29</u>	<u>4,970.00</u>	
6	<u>Furnishings/Equipment</u>			
	Spartan Audio Ltd.	-	2,506.28	
		-	<u>2,506.28</u>	
		-	-	
	Other Donations			
	Reach Beyond	-	500	
	Albanian Evangelical Mission	-	100.00	
	London City Mission	-	100.00	
	United Beach Mission	-	100.00	
	Just Giving (Visors)	-	500.00	
	NODDFA BAPTIST CHURCH	-	500.00	
	Tom and Emma Morgan	-	500.00	
	Donations/Gifts (Various)	3,566.44	-	
	Missionary (FIEC, AECW, Slavic Gospel, Mission Aviation, Harrison's, DJ McKee, SGA Ukraine)	9,672.85	-	
		<u>13,239.29</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	

Caerwent Baptist Chapel
Year Ended 31 March 2022
Balance Sheet

	Note	2022	2021	Change
		£	£	
Current Assets				
Bank current account - balance per statement		51,322.89	68,064.17	
Monies still to be deposited		706.00	-	
Less: Unpresented cheques (559)		-68.9	-35.00	
Less: Unpresented cheques (487 & 367 for 2018/2019; 549 for 2021) Removed for 2022		-	-102.00	
		<u>51,959.99</u>	<u>67,927.17</u>	15,967.18
Prepayments		-	-	-
Total Current Assets		<u>51,959.99</u>	<u>67,927.17</u>	15,967.18
Current Liabilities				
Pension payment due		-	-	-
PAYE due to Inland Revenue		-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-
Total Net Assets		<u>51,959.99</u>	<u>67,927.17</u>	15,967.18
Represented By:				
General Church Fund (Now includes building fund for 2022)	7	51,959.99	83,975.89	32,015.90
Building Fund (Now combined with Church funds for 2022)	8	-	16,690.24	16,690.24
Steve's Fund (Now combined with Church fund for 2022)	9	-	-	-
Child Youth Fund (Now combined with Church fund for 2022)	10	-	641.52	641.52
Total of Funds		<u>51,959.99</u>	<u>67,927.17</u>	15,967.18

Caerwent Baptist Chapel
Year Ended 31 March 2022
Notes to the Balance Sheet

Note

	2022	2021
7 General Church Fund (Building, Steve's & Child Youth funds now combined into Church fund for 2022)		
	£	£
Balance brought forward (Reduced by -£16690.24 from building fund)	67,285.65	75,511.57
Uncashed cheques added back into Church fund (£102 + £35)	137.00	
Remainder of Steve's fund transferred in.	694.44	
Remainder of Child Youth fund transferred in.	641.52	
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	-16,798.62	8,464.32
Balance carried forward	<u>51,959.99</u>	<u>83,975.89</u>
8 Building Fund (Now closed for 2022 accounts)		
	£	£
Balance brought forward		-10,985.84
Receipts	-	-
Donations received	-	-
	-	-10,985.84
Payments	-	-5,704.40
Balance carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>- 16,690.24</u>
9 Steve's Fund (Remainder now transferred into the Church fund).		
	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-
Donations received	767.82	-
Donations made to Steve	-73.38	-
Remainder of fund transferred to Church fund	-694.44	-
Balance carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
10 Child Youth Fund (Remainder now transferred into the Church fund)		
	£	£
Balance brought forward	641.52	641.52
Donations received	-	-
Remainder of fund transferred to Church fund.	-641.52	-
Balance carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>641.52</u>

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Dear All

Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

I have performed an independent examination of the accounting records kept by the Chapel and created the attached accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

General Comments

In continuing to simplify the accounts, the building fund, Steve's fund and the Child Youth fund have been combined with the general fund. Reference to these funds will completely disappear in the 2023 accounts.

The income to the Chapel has decreased for the year compared to 2021. In summary:

- Offerings have decreased by £9458
- Covenants and gifts have increased by £5055
- Gift aid has decreased by £362

In total, the income for this year has decreased by £4765.93 from £64,026.34 for 2020/21 to £59,260.41 for 2021/22.

Expenditure has increased for the year compared to 2021. The main areas where increases have been incurred for 2022 are:

- Donations/gifts: an increase in £9119.29
- Repairs and sundries: an increase of £8311.87
- Wages and allowances: an increase of £5176.30

Expenditure for this year is £76,059.03 compared to £55,562.02 for 2021, an increase of £20,497.01.

Taking into account the above income and expenditure, there is a net deficit for the year of £16,798.62.

General Church Fund

The balance of the general church fund at the end of this year stands at £51,959.99 (This takes into account the adding back in of £137 of unrepresented cheques from previous years and the combining of the remaining three funds into the general church fund).

In order to get a more realistic comparison with 2021 accounts, had the same changes been made to the 2021 accounts (adding back in of cheques, combining all funds into the general church fund etc.) then this would have shown the fund decreasing by £16,104.18 from £68,064.17 (£67,927.17 + £137) to £51,959.99.

Child Youth Fund

No donations have been received this year. The balance remains at £641.52. This balance has been transferred into the general church fund and is now closed.

Building Fund

This has now been combined with the Church fund and is now closed.

Steve's Fund

Donations received to this fund totaled £767.82 and one payment of £73.38 was made from the fund. The fund stands at £694.44. This balance has now been transferred into the general church fund and is now closed.

Bank Balance

The bank balance at the end of this year stands at £51,959.99 (allowing for any unrepresented cheques, monies still to be deposited) and is the summation of the individual amounts of the above funds. This compares with £67,927.17 for 2021, resulting in a decrease of £15,967.18.

- **Unpresented Cheques:**
 - There is one unpresented cheque for this year, cheque 559 for £68.90 and this is included in the balance sheet.
 - The following unpresented cheques, totaling £137 from previous years, have now been removed from this year's accounts:
 - 487 & 367, totaling £102, from 2019
 - 549 for £35 from 2021The £137 has been added back into the general church fund for 2022.
- **Monies to be deposited:**
 - There are £706 of offerings which were collected in the final week of this reporting period but were not deposited into the bank during this reporting period. Depositing of these monies will be shown in the accounts for 2022/23.

Gift Aid

Gift aid to be claimed for 2021/22 from receipts for this year will be £10,746.73 and will be shown in next year's accounts.

Fees

There is no charge in preparing the accounts and for any materials used.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Duckham