

# DUNSTABLE BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1164112

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2015-10-26

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

## Contact

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St. Marys Gate  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO BAPTIST PRINCIPLES AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH AS STATED IN SCHEDULE 1. THE CHARITY MAY ALSO CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

**Activities:** The Church provides resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual and moral development, both for our members and for anyone else who wants to benefit. It promotes Christian values (based on the Bible), and service by members of the Church to the local community, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Bedford
- Buckinghamshire
- Central Bedfordshire
- Hertfordshire
- Luton

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£99,529	£100,381	-	-
2023-12-31	£87,241	£139,928	-	-
2022-12-31	£163,398	£444,891	-	-
2021-12-31	£422,443	£138,870	-	-
2020-12-31	£94,105	£95,541	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Graham Starkey		2021-02-09
MR JEFF HEWITT		2015-10-26
Nigel Paul Browne		2019-05-07
Robert Mark Davies		2019-05-07
Stephen Michael Burton		2018-04-01

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# Accounts

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# Dunstable Baptist Church

## 2024 Trustees' Annual Report

### Section A Reference and Administrative Details

#### Full Name and Principle Address

Dunstable Baptist Church, St Mary's Gate, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 3SW

#### Registered Charity Number

1164112

#### Financial Year

1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

#### Trustees

The managing trustees are the elders and deacons of Dunstable Baptist Church who are responsible for Church funds and the running of the Church.

The trustees who served during 2024 were:

Steve Burton	Pastor & Elder	Whole Year
Jeff Hewitt	Elder & Chairman	Whole Year
Nigel Browne	Deacon	Whole Year
Robert Davies	Deacon	Whole Year
Graham Starkey	Deacon	Whole Year
Matt Gudgeon	Deacon	Since April 2024

#### Professional Advisers

Grace Baptist Trust Corporation, 19 Croydon Road, Caterham, Surry, CR3 6PA

### Section B Structure, Governance and Management

#### Governing Document

Dunstable Baptist Church Constitution, Version 1 dated 28th January 2015

#### Appointments of Trustees/Church Leaders

The Trustees/Church Leaders were appointed by resolutions of the Church and every new appointment will be made in the same way and are recorded in the Church minutes.

### **Associated Charities**

Dunstable Baptist Chapel (Charity Commission registered no. 233323) which is in the trust of the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation.

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#### **Objects of the Charity**

The principal object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Baptist principles and in accordance with the Basis of Faith as stated in Schedule 1 of the Constitution.

The charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

#### **Main Activities in Relation to Public Benefit**

The Trustees/Church Leaders are aware of, and have taken regard to, the Charity Commission's guidance to public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and believe that the Main Activities detailed in Section D below, that are an outworking of the Objects above, provide a benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual and moral development, both for our members and for members of the public who want to benefit;
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#### **Grant Making Policy**

Grants (donations) from the Church for Mission/Relief and pastoral gifts for individuals are decided by the Trustees/Church Leaders at the time that they are required and endorsed as necessary at the next Church members' meeting.

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Current and future policies are decided by the Trustees/Church Leaders, with professional advice being sought when necessary.

### **Section D Achievements and Performance**

The church employs one pastor, Steve Burton. He is responsible for the pastoral care of the members of the Church and any others who come to the Church for spiritual help. In addition, the pastor and elders are responsible for overseeing the teaching given at all meetings of the Church. All involved in the work of the Church are volunteers except for the pastor. Discretionary payments have been made to those inside and outside the church undertaking individual preaching engagements that have been required. The church has a Safeguarding Policy (Protection of Christian and Vulnerable Adults) and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked and trained.

Regular services and meetings have continued through the year including: Sunday worship, mid-week Bible study and prayer meetings, Early Learning Time, DBC Kids, Tots and Co, Men's Prayer Meetings and Ladies' Bible Studies.

During the year donations were made to our four main missions: Grace Baptist Mission, European Missionary Fellowship, Grace Baptist Partnership, and Caring For Life.

### **Section E Financial Review**

#### **Reserved Funds**

At the end of the year the money held in the Barclay's Business Premium Account for the Church was £21,940.

#### **Source of Funds**

The principle source of funds is the voluntary giving by the members of the church and congregation, making use of the Gift Aid Scheme and the Small Donations Scheme where appropriate.

### **Section F Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Dunstable Baptist Church  
Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

Note	Unrestricted Funds General Fund	Manse Fund	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary Receipts:				
	67,118	0	67,118	64,842
2	14,035	0	14,035	11,514
	18,352	0	18,352	10,832
	99,505	0	99,505	87,188
	0	0	0	0
	0	24	24	53
	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>99,505</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>99,529</b>	<b>87,241</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
3	98,019	2,362	100,381	139,603
	0	0	0	325
	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>98,019</b>	<b>2,362</b>	<b>100,381</b>	<b>139,928</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	1,486	-2,338	-852	-52,687
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds	1,486	-2,338	-852	-52,687
Cash at bank and in hand 1 January	20,454	2,728	23,182	75,869
<b>Cash at bank and in hand 31 December</b>	<b>21,940</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>22,330</b>	<b>23,182</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds General Fund	Manse Fund	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
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Bank Current Account Deposit Account	390	390	22,330	2,728
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**Notes to the Financial Statements**

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	2024	2023
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Donations	0	0
Legacy	0	0
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	2024	2023
3 Church activities	57,879	65,989
Pastoral Ministry	22,043	16,950
Mission Support	3,025	12,170
Ministry Expenses	0	17,371
Building Capital Expenditure	3,599	1,083
Building Repairs and Renewals	2,073	5,969
Utilities and Insurance	3,983	1,686
Manse Expenditure	1,610	1,937
Administration Expenses	6,169	7,998
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	8,450
Wimbledon Building Fund	100,381	139,603

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dunstable Baptist Church  
Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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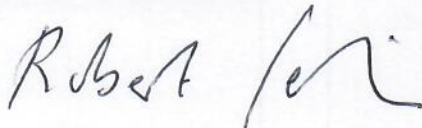
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**Independent examiner's statement**

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:

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Robert Felix FCA  
33 Broomhill Road  
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Date : 9 September 2025

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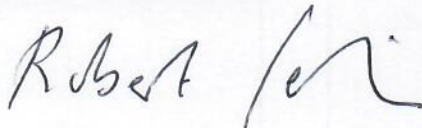
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#### **Section F Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Dunstable Baptist Church**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
		General Fund	Manse Fund	2023	2022
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Receipts:					
Planned Giving & collection at services		64,842	0	64,842	59,525
All other giving	2	11,514	0	11,514	92,403
Gift Aid recovered		10,832	0	10,832	11,462
		<u>87,188</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>87,188</u>	<u>163,390</u>
Activities for generating funds		0	0	0	0
Investment income		0	53	53	8
Church activities		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b><u>87,188</u></b>	<b><u>53</u></b>	<b><u>87,241</u></b>	<b><u>163,398</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Church activities	3	137,688	1,915	139,603	444,641
Governance costs		325	0	325	250
Cost of generating funds		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b><u>138,013</u></b>	<b><u>1,915</u></b>	<b><u>139,928</u></b>	<b><u>444,891</u></b>
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<b>-50,825</b>	<b>-1,862</b>	<b>-52,687</b>	<b>-281,493</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		<b>2,000</b>	<b>-2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Net movement in funds		<u>-48,825</u>	<u>-3,862</u>	<u>-52,687</u>	<u>-281,493</u>
Cash at bank and in hand 1 January		69,379	6,590	75,869	357,362
<b>Cash at bank and in hand 31 December</b>		<b><u>20,554</u></b>	<b><u>2,728</u></b>	<b><u>23,182</u></b>	<b><u>75,869</u></b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds
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Bank Current Account	20,454		20,454	69,279
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Donations	11,514	6,860
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Mission Support	16,950	20,420
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Building Capital Expenditure	17,371	1,496
Building Repairs and Renewals	1,083	2,647
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Manse Expenditure	1,686	2,409
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Miscellaneous Expenses	7,998	918
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Purchase of manse	0	296,790
Repayment of loan	0	26,000
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**Dunstable Baptist Church**

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Date : 1 October 2024

**DUNSTABLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1164112

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# Accounts

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# Dunstable Baptist Church

## 2022 Trustees' Annual Report

### Section A Reference and Administrative Details

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#### Registered Charity Number

1164112

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1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022

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This year we also purchased a manse to house our current and future pastors of the church.

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At the end of the year the money held in the Barclay's Business Premium Account for the Church was £75,869.

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#### **Section F Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Dunstable Baptist Church**

**Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

Note	Unrestricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds	
	General Fund	Manse Fund	2022	2021	
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Receipts:					
	Planned Giving & collection at services	59,050	475	59,525	97,504
2	All other giving	92,403	0	92,403	356,200
	Gift Aid recovered	11,462	0	11,462	16,048
		<u>162,915</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>163,390</u>	<u>469,752</u>
	Activities for generating funds	0	0	0	0
	Investment income	0	8	8	1
	Church activities	0	0	0	0
		<u>162,915</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>163,398</u>	<u>469,753</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
3	Church activities	414,906	29,735	444,641	148,204
	Governance costs	250	0	250	325
	Cost of generating funds	0	0	0	0
		<u>415,156</u>	<u>29,735</u>	<u>444,891</u>	<u>148,529</u>
	<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	-252,241	-29,252	-281,493	321,224
	<b>Transfer between funds</b>	-10,000	10,000	0	0
	Net movement in funds	-262,241	-19,252	-281,493	321,224
	Cash at bank and in hand 1 January	331,520	25,842	357,362	36,138
	<b>Cash at bank and in hand 31 December</b>	<u>69,279</u>	<u>6,590</u>	<u>75,869</u>	<u>357,362</u>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds		Total Funds	Total Funds	
	General Fund	Manse Fund	2022	2021	
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
	Bank Current Account	69,279		69,279	331,409
	Deposit Account		6,590	6,590	25,953
		<u>69,279</u>	<u>6,590</u>	<u>75,869</u>	<u>357,362</u>
	Loan				-26,000
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**Notes to the Financial Statements**

1 The Financial Statements of the Church have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	2022	2021
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Donations	6,860	330,200
Legacy	85,543	0
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Pastoral Ministry	77,396	68,574
Mission Support	20,420	22,150
Ministry Expenses	10,305	10,665
Purchase of manse	296,790	0
Repayment of loan	26,000	0
Building Capital Expenditure	1,496	29,913
Building Repairs and Renewals	2,647	4,346
Utilities and Insurance	5,946	5,012
Manse Expenditure	2,409	4,403
Administration Expenses	512	1,219
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Date : 19 October 2023



**DUNSTABLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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### **Section F Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

# Dunstable

## BAPTIST CHURCH



### Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Manse Fund	Total Funds	2020
<b>Receipts</b>					
Giving Received	24,129	7,432	350	31,911	81,094
Gift Aid Giving Received	52,366	9,332	3,895	65,593	
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	16,048	-		16,048	13,895
Donations Received	329,900	300		330,200	-
Bridging Loan			26,000	26,000	
Investment Income		-		1	16
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>422,443</b>	<b>17,064</b>	<b>30,245</b>	<b>469,753</b>	<b>95,005</b>
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Mission Support	22,150			22,150	20,700
Ministry Expenses	5,711	4,954		10,665	5,255
Building Capital Expenditure	29,913	-		29,913	2,057
Building Repairs and Renewals	4,346	-		4,346	11,927
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Administration Expenses	1,219	-		1,219	1,050
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,620	-		1,620	1,511
Governance Costs IER	325	-		325	325
Referred Donation				300	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>138,870</b>	<b>4,954</b>	<b>4,403</b>	<b>148,527</b>	<b>96,441</b>
Excess of Payments over Receipts	283,573	12,110	25,842	321,226	-1,436
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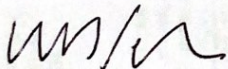
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# Dunstable

## BAPTIST CHURCH



### Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2019
<b>Receipts</b>				
Voluntary Income	80,194	900	81,094	64,662
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	13,895	-	13,895	9,117
Other Income Received	-	-	-	3,967
Investment Income	16	-	16	45
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>94,105</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>95,005</b>	<b>77,791</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Pastoral Support	53,616	-	53,616	45,922
Mission Support	20,700	-	20,700	18,300
Ministry Expenses	4,355	900	5,255	12,660
Building Refurbishment	-	-	-	6,545
Building Maintenance	11,927	-	11,927	5,932
Capital Expenditure	2,057	-	2,057	-
Administration Expenses	1,050	-	1,050	1,486
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,511	-	1,511	-
Governance Costs	325	-	325	325
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>95,541</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>96,441</b>	<b>91,170</b>
Excess of Payments over Receipts	-1,436	-	-1,436	-13,379
Cash Funds as at 1st January 2020	37,574	-	37,574	50,953
<b>Cash Funds as at 31st December 2020</b>	<b>36,138</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,138</b>	<b>37,574</b>



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
DUNSTABLE BAPTIST CHURCH

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31st December 2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1164112

**Set out on pages**

1-2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

**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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:** [Signature]

**Date:** 16-2-21

**Name:** RICHARD C. LAMBERT

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

N/A

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**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

