

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, MELBOURN

England & Wales · Charity number 1164945

Details

Other names	ZION BAPTIST CHURCH MELBOURN, MELBOURN BAPTIST CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2015-12-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 3.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION. 3.1.2 THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND/OR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Activities: These include but are not restricted to: regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching; baptism following Baptist practice; communion; evangelism and mission; nurture and growth of Christian disciples; pastoral care; Christian training; teaching and inclusion of young people; supporting charitable social action; encouraging relationships with Baptists and other Christians.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cambridgeshire
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£126,560	£78,358	-	-
2023-12-31	£92,886	£62,670	-	-
2022-12-31	£94,742	£69,720	-	-
2021-12-31	£141,685	£88,384	-	-
2020-12-31	£90,189	£67,836	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daniela Corradini		2026-03-24
Dr Charles Sims		2019-03-20
Garry John Coxall		2023-07-18
Helen Jane Tobiss		2024-03-19
Janet Mary Cottenden		2024-01-17
Monika Holcombe		2024-03-19
Professor Derren Richard Ready		2025-11-19
Rebecca Mary Wilson		2021-07-13
Rev Dr Robert Graham Hughes		2024-06-01
Rev Jennifer Margaret Hughes		2024-06-01

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2024 Annual Report for the Charities Commission

Introduction

The past year has been exciting for Melbourn Baptist Church (MBC) as we were once again involved in a variety of different activities both in the church and the wider community.

At Easter we held a community event which the whole community was welcome to, we took part in the Village Fete in June, we held our annual Light Party in October and hosted a Craft Fair in November and again hosted the school for their Carol Service in December. We continue to regularly serve our community weekly through our Toddlers Plus, Coffee Break and Craft groups.

The past year was also one of a new era as we welcomed our new ministers to Melbourn Baptist Church in May. We acknowledge our thanks to our moderator for all of his work until Rob and Jenny's arrival as our new ministers.

Worship & Prayer

Over the year we had a variety of different themes running through the services. In the first half we worked our way through themes relating to the book 'Surprised By Hope', whilst in the second half our services were themed around the book of Nehemiah, Ephesians and at Christmas 'God With Us', which included for the first time a 'Blue Christmas' service especially for those struggling in our communities. We have begun holding all-age services on a more regular basis and all our services over the summer were Café Style services.

MBC is served weekly in worship by a growing worship group. We have a rota for five regular vocalists, together with cover for keyboard, drums, bass & guitar, a total of eleven members, plus two for A/V. In addition to our regular services, the Group have served within Cluster Groups, Churches Together & other special occasions.

We continue to meet online weekly, and once a month together at the church, for the purpose of prayer, both local and international.

Sunday School

During 2024, Sunday School continued to meet most Sunday mornings, with the children and young people joining the first part of the service, before moving into their groups. There were two age groups covering roughly ages 3-9 and ages 10-14. Our older young people are welcome to remain part of the main service, and are also invited to our Grid group on a Sunday evening for those in Year 7 upwards. Some weeks we have an all-age service where the children stay for the whole service; since September 2024 this has taken place regularly on the first Sunday of each month.

Our children and young people also prepared a Nativity service, which took place in December.

During the year, the Sunday School groups started to use material from the online resource "Energize", covering various themes including aspects of the life of Jesus, Paul's letters, and key features of Christian life. The sessions include games, videos clips and crafts to support Bible teaching. At the end of 2024, there were 20 children regularly attending Sunday School across the two groups. We have a team of volunteers from within the church who lead these sessions.

The Grid is our youth group, formed of young people aged between 11 and 18. We meet on Sunday evenings at the church and attendance ranges from between 8 and 12 youth each meeting. The evenings involve a mixture of relaxing and connecting with friends and playing games, moving on to a more structured time of learning and reflection based around a theme. We cover topics based around Christian values and lifestyle, unpacking life's big issues such as wellbeing, contentment, money and making good decisions. We source most content from the online platform Energize and we have been very grateful to receive a new smart screen that enables us to share slides, films and facilitate brainstorming more easily. We will often share refreshments which are always received well. The evenings will regularly involve looking up bible passages and use of worship videos for a time of prayer and reflection. Most of the youth attend church, some at Melbourn and others elsewhere, and for some of our young people this is their main connection with church.

We are connected with the local charity WCCYM (West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministries), offering a range of activities including youth services, discipleship groups, social events and trips away. We encourage the young people to attend these well organised events, to widen their social and spiritual network. A number of the youth have become quite involved in these. A highlight being the summer camp, Satellites, held at Shepton Mallett, where they spend quality time with their friends to explore faith issues, enjoy large scale worship and have a lot of freedom in a safe space away from home. There is an option to volunteer at this for the over 16s, serving in a wide variety of locations. One of our youth worked on the milkshake bar completing 4-hour shifts each day, and spending the remainder of their time with their friends.

Pastoral Team

Our 'new' Pastoral team has been available for around 18 months, now. There are 5 people on the team, with additional input from our two Ministers.

Pastoral support is encouraged, wherever possible, through our House Group system.

However, it was recognised that not everybody belongs to one of those, or for various reasons, cannot choose to make a regular commitment of that sort.

Therefore, it was thought that access to such help directly would be beneficial to some, at times. We largely provide support through prayer, either in person if required/preferred, but we do operate through a confidential group via which we can share prayer concerns as people wish, and with the consent of those in need.

Where possible, we have been involved in practical support such as extra help around meal rotas following hospital stays, for example, or home visits, in line with Safeguarding guidelines.

We do occasionally meet as a group 'in person' to encourage and pray for each other as well as for our Church family and for specific needs brought to our attention, again, confidentially. Although most of the team is involved in specific ways within our Sunday services, we do try to be available and identifiable, not least for any 'new' folk joining us for Worship, who may not have - yet- 'put down roots' etc. or formed any friendships.

As a fellowship, we would hope to provide prayer or other help or advice to anyone who may require it.

Home Groups

Home groups continue to be an important part of the life of Melbourn Baptist Church. Their purpose is to provide an opportunity to link with others in friendship and fellowship more closely than in the main Sunday meeting. Typically, a group would have a social time, a time to study the bible and a time to pray for one another.

We have groups meeting in different locations across the area and most meet in the evening, with one meeting during the day; most meet each week. A majority of those who come to the church are linked to a home group, but we also have some coming along who are not otherwise linked to the church. People who are part of the church are encouraged to be part of a home group.

Toddlers

Our toddler group meets on Tuesday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00 and is open to any accompanied 0-4 year olds. In addition to offering a wide variety of toys and larger plan equipment for free play, we all join together half way through the morning for the children to have a snack and drink, and listen to a Bible story and join in the with action songs. Tea and coffee is available throughout the morning for adults. Since September we have been in contact with over 50 children with an average of 20 children plus their carers attending each week.

Coffee Break

Here at MBC, we have been opening our doors on Wednesday mornings, mainly in Term times, for some years now, to anyone wishing to drop by for Coffee-or tea!- biscuits and of course, a chat. People are welcomed from 10.30 am, until around Noon. It is very relaxed - most come along for the whole time, but 'popping by' for shorter visits is allowed! We do ask for a minimum donation of £1, all of which goes to support the Ministry of 'Christ's Hope', a Children's charity known and supported by our church.

Our visitors are mostly from the community along with a small number from within the church here; our ministers frequently come along too, which is much appreciated by all.

Numbers vary, but around a dozen faces are usually present most weeks. When opportunity arises, the Lord is brought into the conversation as appropriate.

Craft Group

The craft group meets in the church hall each Wednesday morning during term time from 9:30 – 12 noon. We share skills and learn new ones which have included silk painting, iris folding, die cutting, clay work, mosaic, needle felting, card making and much more. Our primary focus continues to be friendship and mutual support. We have a mix of church and non-church people who join us with about 12 people attending most weeks. We are a sociable and supportive group. The materials are funded through a £1 a week donation. Whenever possible we supply cards to the charity card stand in the coffee lounge with the funds going to Christ's Hope International.

'External' Mission

Our support for mission beyond our church continues with prayer and giving for our BMS partners and Baptist Home Mission. In August we were visited by one of our missionary families, who we have been linked with for many years. We once again sent a large number of 'shoe boxes' as part of operation Christmas Child and in March 2025 were visited by a representative from Christ's Hope International who shared of their work with some of the world's most vulnerable people. We also have links with an organisation supporting work in Turkey.

Fabric

The church has been working hard on the maintenance of the building throughout the year. This has included work on the main church building, and preparing the manse for the arrival of our new ministers.

Statistics – Membership, Fellowship and Trustees

At the end of 2024, there were 53 church members. We had an average Sunday service attendance of 76 people. Across the week we were in regular contact with 97 adults (through Sunday services, House Groups, Coffee Break, Craft Group, and Toddler group), 15 young people aged 11-17 (through Sunday School and Grid) and 41 children aged 0-11 (through Sunday School and Toddler group).

At the end of 2024, there were 10 charity trustees (including our ministers).

Closing Comments

We would like to pass on a big thank you to everyone who contributes to our church in anyway, whether listed here or not, whether the work obviously visible or not. Our church is a body which can only function when we all play are part. We thank you all.



Charity Name Zion Baptist Church Melbourn		No (if any) 1164945	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General fund	60,611	-	-	60,611	52,190
Fabric fund	-	34,058	-	34,058	17,582
Sponsorship fund	-	-	-	-	-
Soul Survivor	-	-	-	-	-
Church weekend	-	-	-	-	-
Christ's Hope International	-	783	-	783	607
Activities	184	8	-	192	105
HMRC Gift Aid	12,090	6,957	-	19,047	15,132
Other income	11,590	279	-	11,869	7,270
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	84,475	42,085	-	126,560	92,886
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	84,475	42,085	-	126,560	92,886
A3 Payments					
Ministry Expenses	34,306	-	-	34,306	2,205
Manse Expenses	14,548	-	-	14,548	28,677
Church Expenses	18,435	3,116	-	21,551	24,647
Charitable Donations	7,042	911	-	7,953	7,141
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	74,331	4,027	-	78,358	62,670
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	74,331	4,027	-	78,358	62,670
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,144	38,058	-	48,202	30,216
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,389	223,035	-	302,424	272,208
Cash funds this year end	89,533	261,093	-	350,626	302,424

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Fund	89,533	-	-
	Fabric fund	-	260,603	-
	Other restricted funds	-	490	-
	Total cash funds	89,533	261,093	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

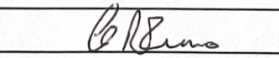

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C R SIMS	21/03/25
	L HORDEN	9/04/25



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name ZION BAPTIST CHURCH MELBOURN

On accounts for the year ended

31ST DECEMBER 2024 Charity no (if any) 1164945

Set out on pages

1 AND 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 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did 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.

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

Signed: [Signature] Date: 18.03.2025

Name: C TAYLOR - TAYLOR & CO.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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Section B

Disclosure

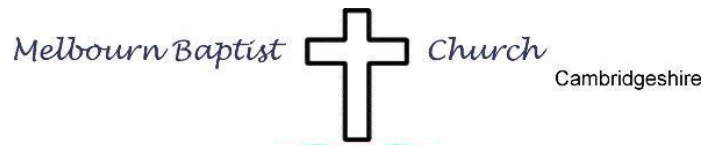
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, MELBOURN

England & Wales - Charity number 1164945

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Zion Baptist Church Melbourn CIO – reg. charity 1164945

2023 Annual report for the Charities Commission

This is the eighth Annual Report of Zion Baptist Church Melbourn CIO, which was registered as a charity on 21 December 2015. The stated principal purposes of the church are the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination and the advancement of education and the carrying out of other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Church Services

During 2023 we continued to hold weekly Sunday morning services.

Our previous minister had left the church during 2022 and the organisation of the worship, teaching and preaching was led by the Sharing Ministry team, who took on the responsibility of preaching each week with our Worship group very involved in leading the services. Those who did the preaching and teaching included church members, our moderator and visiting speakers.

It was great to see the worship team joined by new people to lead singing.

Easter celebration included a prayer walk around the village followed by communion. Good Friday had an open event titled “Why Easter?”, with an outdoor service. There was then a place for reflective spaces following a time entitled the colours of Easter.

The Sunday school produced a Nativity service and in the evening we had a Candle lit carol service with an all-age Christmas day service.

One person was baptised.

Teaching Activities for children and young people

The children and young people met with the rest of the church to worship at the beginning of our Sunday service. They then went to their teaching groups and were split into 2 age groups: 2-8 and 9+.

On Sunday evenings we held our Grid group. This is for those aged 11+. This was led by church volunteers. The local primary school held their carol service in the church; this was a lovely event with the building full to capacity.

Some of our members have continued to go into local primary schools as part of GenR8 to share the Christian Faith with the children.

Other Teaching and Prayer Activities for Adults

The majority of adults who attend the church are part of a house group, some of these include people who do not regularly worship with us on Sundays. House groups are a good way to form deeper relationships with just a few people, offering mutual support and friendship as well as meeting for prayer and Bible study.

We also held weekly Zoom and monthly in person prayer meetings.

Community and Charitable Activities

Our weekly toddler group has been very much appreciated and well attended. They are told a Bible story with craft activities linked to the story and a very enjoyable song time. They have a good variety of toys, books and outdoor play equipment weather permitting.

The weekly coffee morning is mostly attended by the older folks, this is very popular and is often difficult to hear yourself thinking as they are all so happy and chatty.

Our weekly craft group continues to meet, they have an interesting and varied programme and have formed some good friendships.

A youth club for young people in years 5-8 ran weekly until July. It was run by a small team but the frequency of meeting has changed to monthly from the end of the year.

We also held community outreach events, including a Light Party at Halloween.

The church makes a regular tithe to the Baptist Union charities Home Mission (working in the UK) and BMS World Mission (working overseas). The church collected shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse as part of the Operation Christmas Child programme. We continue to collect monetary donations for Christ's Hope International, a charity which works with children in Africa.

Church Fellowship

The plans to develop the church hall are going ahead and the first foundations have been dug.

We have had some events to raise funds which are also encouraging us to socialise.

Monthly newsletters have been produced, keeping the fellowship informed and involved.

The church hosted a wedding.

The church secretary died shortly before Christmas following a short illness and a service was held in the church to celebrate her life.

Moderator

We are pleased to have the help of a moderator to guide us through the pastoral vacancy.

Ministerial search

A church profile was developed for viewing by any interested in taking on the ministerial role in the church.

To develop the profile a questionnaire was developed that was distributed to members and those who regularly meet with us. We also consulted our children and young people to help understand their views. The development of the profile also involved creation of an Ethos statement.

The publication of the profile was followed by examination of a number of profiles of ministers and this led to a couple, both of whom are qualified ministers, being interviewed. As at the end of 2023, this couple had been invited to preach at the church with a view to taking on the ministerial role, with one working 100% and the other 50%. At the start of 2024, an invitation was made to them, which they accepted and they will commence their ministry in June 2024

Statistics and Trustees

At the end of 2023 there were 51 church members, with another 32 adults also attending church-run groups. There were also approximately 94 children under 11, and 21 young people aged 11-18 in regular attendance on Sundays or during the week. Sunday service attendance was averaging 46. The recorded services are available on YouTube during the week.

At the end of 2023 there were six elected trustees.

Building maintenance

Fabric as ever has been a constant topic, with church maintenance continuing to place demands on us. And getting the manse fabric ready for the new ministers has also been occupying our resources over the year.



Charity Name Zion Baptist Church Melbourn	No (if any) 1164945
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General fund	52,190	-	-	52,190	52,557
Fabric fund	-	17,582	-	17,582	22,343
Sponsorship fund	-	-	-	-	-
Soul Survivor	-	-	-	-	-
Church weekend	-	-	-	-	-
Christ's Hope International	-	607	-	607	855
Activities	105	-	-	105	794
HMRC Gift Aid	10,493	4,639	-	15,132	16,484
Other income	400	6,870	-	7,270	1,708
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,188	29,698	-	92,886	94,742
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,188	29,698	-	92,886	94,742
A3 Payments					
Ministry Expenses	2,205	-	-	2,205	29,907
Manse Expenses	28,677	-	-	28,677	6,184
Church Expenses	18,011	6,636	-	24,647	25,937
Charitable Donations	5,460	1,681	-	7,141	7,692
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	54,353	8,317	-	62,670	69,720
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,353	8,317	-	62,670	69,720
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,835	21,381	-	30,216	25,022
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	70,554	201,654	-	272,208	247,186
Cash funds this year end	79,389	223,035	-	302,424	272,208



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH MELBOURN

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31.12.2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1164945

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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**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:

C. Taylor

Date:

18.03.2024

Name:

C. TAYLOR TAYLOR & L F.C.C.A

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

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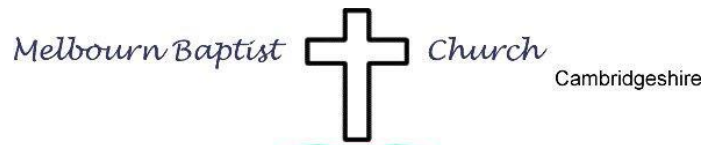
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2022 was a year of big changes and challenges.

Church Services

By the beginning of 2022 we had returned to a more normal way of holding our weekly services in the church building, we still had some covid restrictions in place but gradually over the months we were able to get back to sitting closer, singing without wearing masks and spending time together socially.

Our minister went on Sabbatical during the first 3 months, when he studied Creation and the Environment. During this time the Sharing Ministry team took on the responsibility of preaching each week with our Worship group very involved in leading the services.

Easter was very special. We began with a communion service on Maundy Thursday and on Good Friday we had a short outdoor service followed by a community event with all of the house groups contributing their talents to create parts of the Easter story for our walk-through display in the grounds. This featured a work bench donkey, a Lego display of the Last Supper, a sleeping disciple in the garden, the cross, and the garden tomb. There were craft activities taking place in the hall and refreshments. On Easter Sunday we had another lovely open-air service which was a great opportunity to witness. Chocolate featured heavily too of course!

The Sunday school produced a wonderful Christmas Nativity service when the congregation was encouraged to dress up and join in with the sounds, this was great fun.

We had our very popular Candle lit carol service, and an all-age Christmas day service.

Teaching Activities for children and young people

The children and young people met with the rest of the church to worship at the beginning of our Sunday service. They then went to their teaching groups and were split into 2 age groups: 2-8 and 9+. Some young people were involved in helping with the Sunday School groups and creche, alongside adult leaders.

On Sunday evenings we held our Grid group. This is for those aged 11+ At the start of the year this was led by our student youth worker and church volunteers. Our student youth worker qualified during the summer and left us for a full-time position in Cambridge and the group continued to be led by the volunteers.

During the Autumn term we had some involvement with the local primary school who came into the church as part of their religious education lessons. They held their carol service in the church too, this was a lovely event with the building full to capacity. We provided refreshments for the parents and children afterwards and it was great to be able to have conversations with families who had been through our toddlers and holiday clubs.

Other Teaching and Prayer Activities for Adults

The majority of adults who attend the church are part of a house group, some of these include people who do not regularly worship with us on Sundays. House groups are a good way to form deeper relationships with just a few people, offering mutual support and friendship as well as meeting for prayer and Bible study. We also held weekly Zoom and monthly in person prayer meetings.

Community and Charitable Activities

Our weekly toddler group has been very much appreciated and well attended. They are told a different Bible story with craft activities linked to the story and a very enjoyable song time. They have a good variety of toys, books and outdoor play equipment weather permitting.

The weekly coffee morning is mostly attended by the older folks, this is very popular and is often difficult to hear yourself thinking as they are all so happy and chatty.

Our weekly craft group continues to meet, they have an interesting and varied programme and have formed some good friendships.

A youth club for young people in years 5-8 ran weekly until July. It was run by a small team but unfortunately, as the team included our student youth worker and our Minister's wife, both of whom left us in the summer, we have only been able to continue twice monthly since September

We also held three community outreach events. The outdoor event at Easter, a Light Party at Halloween and Shine a light on Christmas in December.

The church makes a regular tithe to the Baptist Union charities Home Mission (working in the UK) and BMS World Mission (working overseas). The church collected shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse as part of the Operation Christmas Child programme. We continue to collect monetary donations for Christ's Hope International, a charity which works with children in Africa.

Church Fellowship

The plans to develop the church hall are going ahead and the first foundations have been dug.

We have had some very good, successful events to raise funds which are also encouraging us to socialise; a pancake party, quiz evening, sponsored virtual journey from Lands' End to John O'Groats, a musical event, and some very delicious dinner parties.

The trustees, moderator and their spouses enjoyed a meal out for Christmas.

Monthly newsletters have been produced, keeping the fellowship informed and involved.

We celebrated a wedding and hosted 2 funerals during the year.

Farewell to our minister

We had a special service including a farewell barbecue in the church grounds in August when we invited past members and friends to join us in saying goodbye to our minister as he moved on to his new calling in Gloucester.

A large group attended his induction service in September and were pleased to be able to meet his new Church fellowship and to see their home.

We are pleased to have the help of a moderator to guide us through the pastoral vacancy.

Statistics and Trustees

At the end of 2022 there were 61 church members, with another 40 adults also attending church-run groups. There were also approximately 45 children under 11, and 12 young people aged 11-18 in regular attendance on Sundays or during the week. Sunday service attendance was averaging 46. A few are viewing the recorded services on YouTube during the week. At the end of 2022 there were eight elected trustees.

Mrs Dawn Dixon - Secretary

Melbourn Baptist Church – Accounts 2022

Treasurer's report

The accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022 are presented in two forms; as Receipts and Payments (R&P) with the signed independent examiner's report in accordance with the Charity Commission requirements and in more detail, as an extract from the QuickBooks accounting package. There are comparison figures shown in the R&P accounts with the previous year.

The total income level for the year 2022 was £94,742 compared to £141,685 in 2021. The decrease in the year, which was the first year largely unaffected by Covid, was due to a general fund decrease of about £5k despite the church being re-opened more and a decrease in fabric fund donations of almost £43k. General fund income of £52.6k was about £3k lower than in pre-Covid 2019. Gift Aid income was also slightly lower and was allocated to the Fabric and General funds in proportion to the relevant donations. The amount set aside from our non-restricted funds reserved for the hall project is maintained at £40k, bringing the year-end total available for the project to £240,204.

Total expenditure in the year was £69,720 compared to £88,384 in 2021. Significant differences:

- Church expenses were £25,937 in 2022 compared to £12,505 in 2021 with approximately £17k spent on church repairs and £6k in new building costs.
- Manse expenses were about 13k lower mainly due to the new windows in 2021.
- Charitable giving was over £3k lower due to 3 payments to BMS and Home Mission paid in 2021 as the second 2020 payment was not paid until January 2021.
- It is difficult to make many other comparisons on costs, as 2021 was mostly in Covid lockdown and in 2022 we only had a minister for eight months.

Looking forward, we are still committed to significant expenditure for the refurbishment of the manse so that we can call a new minister. Although the accounts show we made a profit of £25k in the year, the deposits into the Fabric fund accounted for £22k of this. Last year, as noted above, we spent a lot on fabric and we will need to make certain that such costs are behind us before we embark on the hall project. Our general reserves at the year-end were only £30,554, if we subtract the £40k of pledged reserves to the hall building project. If we wish to appoint a minister in the not too distant future, our general reserves will need to be at a level of just under £20k to meet Charity Commission guidance. So we only have about £10k available for manse refurbishment at present. This will be boosted by perhaps £10k when the Gift Aid claim is received for the tax year to 5th April 2023. Of course, as long as a minister is not in post, the general reserve will continue to build.

In summary, the church is in good financial health but we will be stretched to refurbish the manse, build the new hall and recruit a new minister, all in the very near future, particularly as our general fund income has been reducing. This is my penultimate presentation of the accounts, as a new treasurer will have to be in place long before I step down from the diaconate and I would like to thank Mon and Laurie for the excellent support they provide as members of the finance team.

Dr Chas Sims, Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name ZION BAPTIST CHURCH MELBOURN

On accounts for the year ended

31.12.2022

Charity no (if any)

1164946

Set out on pages

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(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

06.03.2023

Name:

C. TAYLOR TAYLOR & CO FCCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

(if any):

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Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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Zion Baptist Church Melbourn	1164945
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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General fund	52,557	-	-	52,557	57,701
Fabric fund		22,343	-	22,343	65,149
Sponsorship fund		-	-	-	-
Soul Survivor		-	-	-	-
Church weekend		-	-	-	-
Christ's Hope International		855	-	855	884
Activities	794	-	-	794	264
HMRC Gift Aid	12,369	4,116	-	16,484	17,210
Other income	130	1,578	-	1,708	477
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,850	28,892	-	94,742	141,685
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,850	28,892	-	94,742	141,685
A3 Payments					
Ministry Expenses	29,907	-	-	29,907	46,606
Manse Expenses	6,184	-	-	6,184	19,317
Church Expenses	20,147	5,790	-	25,937	12,505
Charitable Donations	5,882	1,810	-	7,692	9,957
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	62,119	7,600	-	69,720	88,384
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	62,119	7,600	-	69,720	88,384
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,731	21,291	-	25,022	53,301
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,823	180,363	-	247,186	193,885
Cash funds this year end	70,554	201,654	-	272,208	247,186

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

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Fund	70,554	-	-
	Fabric fund	-	200,204	-
	Other restricted funds	-	1,451	-
	Total cash funds	70,554	201,654	-

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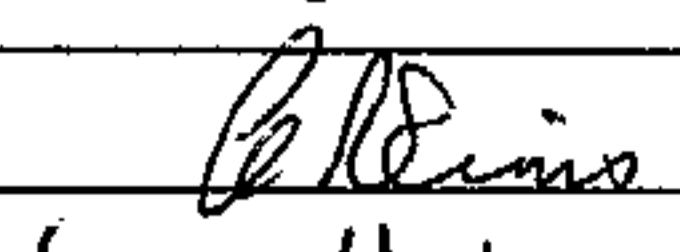

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C R SIMS	08/03/23
	L HORDEN	10/03/23

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, MELBOURN

England & Wales - Charity number 1164945

Accounts



2021 Annual report for the Charities Commission

This is the sixth Annual Report of Zion Baptist Church Melbourn CIO, which was registered as a charity on 21 December 2015. The stated principal purposes of the church are the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination and the advancement of education and the carrying out of other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

2021 was a very unusual year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and our normal activities were very much affected by this.

Church Services

We began the year in full lockdown and were not able to attend church in person, our services were pre-recorded by our minister, with his family assisting him with the music and worship. Other people were also able to contribute with Bible readings, prayers and interviews using the Zoom recording facility. Communion was shared in one of these services each month.

By Easter the government restrictions were relaxed so that we were able to meet together in person, there were still limitations and we kept strictly within the rules using guidance from both the Baptist Union and the government.

Our Easter celebrations took place outside the building where we had a display which was visible to the community as they walked along the pavement; this showed the Garden of Gethsemane, the Cross, and the Tomb. The Easter Sunday service took place outside with markers to help people to keep socially distanced.

During the summer we continued to meet outside for the beginning of the service when we sang together, moving indoors for the sermon and readings. When the cooler weather arrived, we had the whole service indoors following Covid restrictions as recommended.

Our Christmas celebrations also took place outdoors with a special 'Sense Christmas' event where we linked the 5 senses with 5 Bible readings. Some families blessed the community by providing a Christmas Day dinner for those who would otherwise have been alone.

Teaching Activities for Children and Young People

Sunday School took place on-line at the beginning of the year, moving to in person in April when the children met outside with the adults to begin with and then went into the hall for their time together. Some young people were involved in helping with the Sunday School groups and creche, alongside adult leaders. The Sunday School children put on an amazing nativity production in church at Christmas. The 11 – 14 group (Grid) met on Zoom at the start of the year, moving to alternate weeks of meeting in-person as the restrictions allowed.

Our midweek youth group continued throughout the year following government guidelines and led by our student youth worker. This involved a mixture of Zoom and in person meetings.

Our minister was involved with the local primary school during the Autumn term, helping with lessons and assemblies.

Other Teaching and Prayer Activities for Adults

The majority of adults who attend the church are part of a house group, some of which include people

who do not regularly worship with us on a Sunday. All of the house groups met using Zoom to begin with and they changed to meeting in person when they were comfortable to do so. They were able to offer each other mutual support and friendship as well as meeting for prayer and Bible study. The church also held a weekly Zoom prayer meeting.

Community and Charitable Activities

Our weekly toddler group was able to re-open following the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions in September. This is a popular weekly club held during term times and the families were pleased to be able to get back to more normal activities. Many of the children had not been able to spend time with other children until this point in their lives, so it was particularly valued in these times.

The weekly coffee morning, mostly attended by the elderly, also re-opened in September. Members of this group had kept in touch regularly on the telephone and friendships had been maintained, they were all very pleased to be able to meet together in person again.

Our weekly craft group also re-opened in September, they had maintained contact through WhatsApp and regular Zoom meetings but were very happy to get together in the church hall once more.

The local Scout group met away from the building most weeks, when the weather allowed them to meet outdoors, but they had the use of our hall whenever they needed it.

The church makes a regular tithe to the Baptist Union charities Home Mission (working in the UK) and BMS World Mission (working overseas). The church collected shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse as part of the Operation Christmas Child programme. We continue to collect monetary donations for Christ's Hope International, a charity which works with children in Africa.

Church Fellowship

The plans to develop the church hall are going ahead, and we have had some very good, successful events to raise funds also allowing opportunities to socialise. In April we had a family quiz evening on Zoom. There was a sponsored 100-mile cycle ride to Southwold in September; the cyclists were waved off and were met at the other end where we enjoyed fun and fish and chips together. At Christmas there was a fundraising carol quiz sheet.

The trustees and their families enjoyed a barbecue together in the manse garden during the summer, and then a meal out for Christmas.

The secretarial team have produced regular newsletters keeping the fellowship informed and involved.

Statistics and Trustees

At the end of 2021 there were 71 church members, with another 50 adults also attending church-run groups. There were also approximately 50 children under 11, and 17 young people aged 11-18 in regular attendance on Sundays or during the week. Due to Covid our Sunday service attendance had dropped to an average of 40 people per week when we returned to regular indoor services in September, with some preferring to watch the live Zoom service from home or viewing the recorded service on YouTube during the week.

There is one non-elected Trustee (the minister), and at the end of 2021 there were nine elected trustees.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
ZION BAPTIST CHURCH MELBOURN

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2021 Charity no (if any) 1164945

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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: 13.04.2022

Name: C. TAYLOR TAYLOR & CO F.C.C.A

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

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

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43 KNESWORTH STREET
ROYSTON HERTS SG8 5AB



Charity Name
Zion Baptist Church Melbourn

No (if any)
1164945

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/01/2021 To 31/12/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General fund	57,701	-	-	57,701	49,267
Fabric fund	-	65,149	-	65,149	20,622
Sponsorship fund	-	-	-	-	-
Soul Survivor	-	-	-	-	-
Church weekend	-	-	-	-	-
Christ's Hope International	-	884	-	884	960
Activities	264	-	-	264	493
HMRC Gift Aid	12,165	5,044	-	17,210	18,493
Other income	125	352	-	477	354
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	70,255	71,429	-	141,685	90,189
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	70,255	71,429	-	141,685	90,189
A3 Payments					
Ministry Expenses	46,606	-	-	46,606	46,011
Manse Expenses	19,317	-	-	19,317	8,766
Church Expenses	9,385	3,120	-	12,505	8,456
Charitable Donations	8,775	1,182	-	9,957	4,603
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	84,083	4,302	-	88,384	67,836
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	84,083	4,302	-	88,384	67,836
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,828	67,128	-	53,300	22,353
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	80,651	113,235	-	193,886	171,533
Cash funds this year end	66,823	180,363	-	247,186	193,886

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Fund	66,823	-	-
	Fabric fund	-	180,188	-
	Other restricted funds	-	175	-
	Total cash funds	66,823	180,363	-
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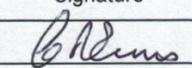

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
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		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C R SIMS	17/4/22
	L HORDEN	20/4/22

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, MELBOURN

England & Wales - Charity number 1164945

Accounts



2020 Annual report for the Charities Commission

This is the fifth Annual Report of Zion Baptist Church Melbourn CIO, which was registered as a charity on 21 December 2015. The stated principal purposes of the Church are the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination and the advancement of education and the carrying out of other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

We began 2020 engaging in a range of activities to carry out these purposes, all of which were open to any members of the public to attend. Due to the pandemic, the regulations from the government, and recommendations from the Baptist Union of Great Britain our regular activities were restricted from March 18th when we began using on-line events.

Church Services

Regular services took place at 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Following the introduction of COVID-19 restrictions we then made our services available on-line, including public worship, Bible teaching and prayer. Communion was shared in one of these services each month. Within the regulations for COVID-19 we were able to hold some evening services. One wedding took place in 2020. There was an open-air Christmas Carol service within the safety restrictions, attended by 41 people. Extra on-line services were produced for viewing during the Christmas period.

Teaching Activities for Children and Young People

Sunday school groups for children aged three to fifteen met on every Sunday during the morning service until March 15th. Some young people were involved in helping with the Sunday School groups and Creche, alongside adults.

Following the lockdown restrictions, we provided on-line activities for the younger children through newsletters and Facebook links. The 11 – 14 group continued to meet on Zoom. The Sunday school children presented a lovely nativity drama for the on-line Christmas recording.

Our midweek youth group continued throughout the year following government guidelines and led by our student youth worker. This involved a mixture of Zoom and in person meetings, which were restricted to 15 young people.

Other Teaching and Prayer Activities for Adults

The majority of adults who attend the Church are part of a house group, some of which include people who do not regularly worship at the Church. The groups met regularly, in homes and later met using Zoom, for prayer, Bible study and mutual support. The Church also held a weekly morning prayer meeting, which later became a weekly on-line evening prayer meeting.

Community and Charitable Activities

The Church hosted a weekly toddler group during term time, which attracted up to 60 families. This had to close because of the COVID-19 restrictions from mid-March. There was also a weekly coffee morning,

mostly attended by the elderly, these have been contacted weekly by the leader of the group since the start of the pandemic. The weekly craft group was also open to all, making cards to raise money for charity but ceased to meet in March. The Church premises were used weekly to host a local Scout group, this moved to outdoor and zoom activities following the government guidelines and scout association guidelines. The church hosted a local Foodbank to help the families who were struggling during the summer holidays.

The Church makes a regular tithe to the Baptist Union charities Home Mission (working in the UK) and BMS World Mission (working overseas). The church collected shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse as part of the Operation Christmas Child programme. We continue to collect monetary donations for Christ's Hope International, a charity which works with children in Africa.

Our Remembrance Day project involved participation from many people from the local community who were invited to add their own home-made poppies to the display which we placed at the front of the Church.

Church Fellowship

The plans to develop the church hall are going ahead.

We have introduced a Zoom coffee gathering every Sunday afternoon which has been well attended and is an opportunity for participants to keep up with regular conversations, keeping friendships strong. We have also been joined by people from a distance including from other countries which has strengthened contacts with some of our missionaries.

The secretarial team have produced regular newsletters keeping the fellowship informed and involved.

Statistics and Trustees

At the end of 2020, there were 71 members of the Church. Until March, in regular contact on Sundays and with other Church run groups there were approximately 90 children under 11 and 10 young people aged 11-18. Typically, around 90 to 100 people attended the service on a Sunday morning.

On-line services on YouTube show as being viewed between 60 and 170 times and by December 2020 we had 126 subscribers to our channel.

There is one non-elected Trustee (the Minister), and at the end of 2020 there were eight elected trustees.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Zion Baptist Church Melbourn

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1164945

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(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 December 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 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.

Signed:

Date:

18 March 2021

Name:

Christopher Dougherty

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

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

Lakin Rose Limited

Pioneer House, Vision Park, Histon

Cambridge, CB24 9NL



Charity Name
Zion Baptist Church Melbourn

No (if any)
1164945

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/01/2020 To 31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General fund	49,267	-	-	49,267	54,387
Fabric fund	-	20,622	-	20,622	27,636
Sponsorship fund	-	-	-	-	2,000
Soul Survivor	-	-	-	-	458
Church weekend	-	-	-	-	5,985
Christ's Hope International	-	960	-	960	825
Activities	493	-	-	493	547
HMRC Gift Aid	14,805	3,688	-	18,493	25,584
Other income	-	354	-	354	2,824
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	64,565	25,624	-	90,189	120,246
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	64,565	25,624	-	90,189	120,246
A3 Payments					
Ministry Expenses	44,971	1,040	-	46,011	44,109
Manse Expenses	8,766	-	-	8,766	6,708
Church Expenses	8,456	-	-	8,456	18,927
Charitable Donations	3,293	1,310	-	4,603	7,775
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	65,486	2,350	-	67,836	77,519
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	65,486	2,350	-	67,836	77,519
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 921	23,274	-	22,353	42,727
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	81,572	89,961	-	171,533	128,806
Cash funds this year end	80,651	113,235	-	193,886	171,533

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Fund	80,651	-	-
	Fabric fund	-	113,109	-
	Other restricted funds	-	126	-
	Total cash funds	80,651	113,235	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

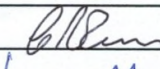
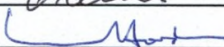
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C R SIMS	13/03/21
	L HORDEN	13/3/21