



2022 Annual report for the Charities Commission

This is the seventh 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.

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

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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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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:

Date:

06.03.2023

Name:

C. TAYLOR TAYLOR & Co FCCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

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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

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Receipts and payments accounts**CC16a**For the period
from

01/01/2022

To

31/12/2022

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

Category	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	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

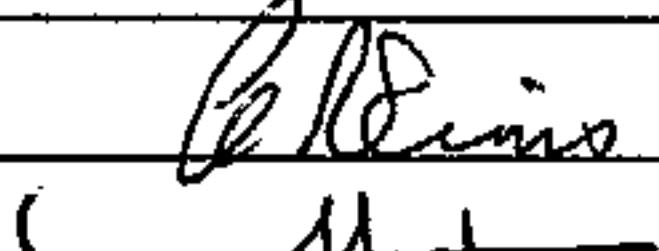

Category	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

Category	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