

BUTTERSHAW BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1168084

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-07-06

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH ARE:- 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: Buttershaw Baptist Church (part of the Yorkshire Baptist Association) worship together every Sunday.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£45,375	£36,146	-	-
2024-12-31	£49,453	£52,965	-	-
2023-12-31	£64,374	£60,031	-	-
2022-12-31	£51,818	£60,072	-	-
2021-12-31	£70,295	£103,595	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew David Bull		2019-02-10
Louise Tracy Anne Innes		2020-10-07

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Buttershaw Baptist Church

Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1168084

**A member of the Yorkshire Baptist Association (YBA), charity number 247173
and the Baptist Union, charity number 1125912**

Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2025

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Trustees

Name	Position	Date of Appointment	First or second 3 year term
N/A	Minister		
Louise Innes	Treasurer	7 th October 2020	Second to 6 th October 2026
David Bull	Secretary	10 th February 2019	Second to 9 th February 2025 extended
Elizabeth Radice	Trustee	15 th May 2022	Resigned 9 th February 2025
Helen Thomson	Trustee	15 th May 2022	Resigned 9 th February 2025

Charity number

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1168084, on 6th July 2016.

Registered and principal address

Buttershaw Baptist Church

The Crescent

Buttershaw

Bradford

BD6 3PZ

Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank

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Independent examiner

Elisa Brown FCCA MAAT

Elisa Brown Accountancy Services

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Clayton

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 6th July 2016.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at members' meetings.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

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

The Church is committed to the provision, maintenance and improvement of its building, which is a place of religious worship and is open to the public.

These objects are as amended by the draft revised constitution agreed at the Ordinary Church Members Meeting on 3rd December 2020.

The charity's main activities

The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Principle Vision

Through PRAYER communication and relationship with our FATHER and by the GOSPEL of JESUS we are EMPOWERED by the SPIRIT to see people whom God has called, to grow in the personal anointing , maturity and understanding of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and become a disciple maker through prayer, sharing the Good News with and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Achievements and performance

2025 was a year of courage, change, and fresh exploration for Buttershaw Baptist Church.

At our AGM on 9 February 2025, after much prayer and discernment, we agreed to bring our traditional Sunday-based church model to a close and step boldly into an exploration phase—seeking God's vision for what a *missional church on Buttershaw* could become; seeking God, listening, praying, exploring, and shaping this new direction.

Our church

We launched our new pattern of church life with a Friday evening gathering, around a tea-time community space. This developed into a fortnightly rhythm alternating between:

- Family- and children-focused Brick Church gatherings
- Fellowship and prayer-based Friday gatherings

On 16 March 2025, we held an emotional and joy-filled Celebration of Buttershaw Baptist Church—a time of gratitude, praise, and shared memories. This marked the official close of our Sunday services and released many cherished members into new worshipping communities. A smaller but committed group, who renewed their membership at the AGM, remained, in this new exploration phase of a community missional church.

Our first official Friday gathering of the new model took place on 28 March 2025, with Tracy Shield from South Osset Baptist, demonstrating and leading the Brick Church concept, training our people in its use.

God blessed us with incredible partners and helpers throughout the year:

- Our faithful church body, faithfully serving, pastorally caring for each other and committed to seeing God's kingdom come on Buttershaw.
- Helen and Adam Syrop, long-time friends of the church, joined our gatherings and brought strong missional energy—inviting neighbours and community contacts. This has provided us with opportunities to partner with St Aiden's church through Helen's Mission Apprentice role with them.
- Graham and Su Ensor walked with us in the early stages, providing valuable wisdom, with Graham continuing to support our leadership team strategically.
- Kenny and Lucy Brown, engaged through Clayton Baptist, have been providing invaluable and critical leadership and preparation for our Friday gatherings.
- Lucy Brown further developed Brick Church throughout the year, adapting the format, responding to the needs of the fellowship of families.
- We also launched Brew 'n' Bakes on Fridays, led by Lucy, to create space for deeper conversations, pastoral connection, and natural faith-sharing.
- Joan Parker has been faithfully leading our monthly fellowship evenings from her home, bringing the peace of the Holy Spirit through communion and bible study.

The early months of the new exploration phase were marked by remarkable numbers joining us.

Our Brick Church and Film Night events regularly attracted several families—often double the number of our regular core fellowship. This created a joyful and often lively atmosphere, the large numbers sometimes limited the depth of relationship or opportunity for personal faith conversations. Still, the gospel was shared clearly through our gatherings, and confirms both:

- A strong missionary opportunity on Buttershaw
- The vital role our church building continues to play in local community life

We continue to maintain our relationship with the Family Centre. Holding our trustee to trustee meeting three times each year, once per each term. The work they do in practically delivering God's love in action is complementary to the aims of the Church.

Key events in 2025:

Holiday Club 2025 – A Major Highlight

We held another brilliant Holiday Club at the end of August, led by Helen Syrop with a wide and great team of volunteers. The witness of Jesus was shared with an oversubscribed week, with over 40 children joining. The week closed on the final Friday for an evangelistic celebration including children and their families for a barbecue and a message from Tom Grant of The Message Trust.

Refining Our Missional Focus

After the summer, we reviewed our approach and decided to pause Film Nights to focus fully on Brick Church, that we found to a stronger opportunity for witness, discipleship and relationship building. Attendance numbers were smaller in this later phase, but gradually stabilised, and we began forming deeper connections—particularly with a small group of families and young people. Though this has mostly been from families outside of the Buttershaw community. This helped to strengthen our gathering times:

- **Brick Church** – every other Friday
- **Hope Night** (worship, prayer, and three-thirds Bible study) – second Friday of each month
- **Fellowship Gathering** – last Friday of each month

Christmas Together

In December we joined with St Aidan's Church to host a joint Carol Service, celebrating Jesus' birth as a united Christian witness in Buttershaw.

We also supported the Family Centre's popular Christmas Fair, hosting a popular nativity dress up photo booth.

Lucy Brown was also able to support the Family Centre with Christmas messages to their nursery Christmas celebrations.

Church Operations

Baptisms

We are conscious of the absence of baptisms in the regular life of the Church and this remains a key aim.

The Partner approach to engagement of our Church Family, on an annual basis, will require asking those who worship with us to intentionally join us as a partner and to intentionally ask about their personal commitment to following Jesus witnessed by the act of baptism by full immersion.

Mission

We see mission; locally, regionally, nationally and internationally as key to the calling upon the life of Buttershaw Baptist Church.

The new exploration phase of Church has been to establish a more missionally focused church. Our Brick Church gatherings are missional in approach. Our Brew n'Bakes gatherings are established for deeper missional engagement.

We had an incredible Children's Holiday Club again this year, it was truly a blessing to be able to share God's word with the young people of Buttershaw over a week of spirit filled entertainment. The commitment provided through the leadership of Helen Syrop for this is immense along with the army of volunteers contributing to this heritage of blessing to our community.

People

We would again like to thank and recognise the passion, vision and commitment of our current membership through these more constrained times. There is a small strong core of people who are faithful in their service.

We are incredibly grateful to the support provided from Clayton Baptist Church, through Kenny and Lucy Brown.

The missional blessing that Helen Syrop continues to provide to the community of Buttershaw in support of our work is priceless and of immense spiritual value. We are grateful to St Aidan's for accommodating this faithful service within the remit of her Mission Apprenticeship.

Life Groups

Our Hope nights and Fellowship evenings provide the function of a life group within the rhythm of our regular church life. These are times where we seek God's heart and fellowship with each other.

Trustee changes and activities

Two of our trustees resigned at the 2025 AGM on 9 February 2025, they were also approaching the end of their first 3 year term as trustees (3 year term ending in May 2025). We are grateful for the service of Helen Thomson and Elizabeth Radice in their time with us and their support. We bless them as they explore and share their faith in new churches and ventures.

We have retained our trustees in;

- Secretary, David Bull extending his role beyond the two term duration; and,
- Treasurer, Louise Innes, entering the last year of her second three year term.

The limitations of this small leadership team restricts our abilities to meet the clear mission opportunity demonstrated through our community footprint with the Family Centre and the outreach events we have hosted. Graham Ensor provides strategic leadership support to the trustees. With Kenny Brown supporting and guiding as an ordained minister in helping to enable the mission on Buttershaw. This combined assistance is invaluable and has allowed us to undertake our Friday Evening gatherings and maintain an amount of strategic direction.

In 2026 we are anticipating further change as we navigate the limitations of capacity and long service of our remaining trustees. We are seeking new trustees for the ongoing continuation of the Church CIO to release current trustees from their terms of office.

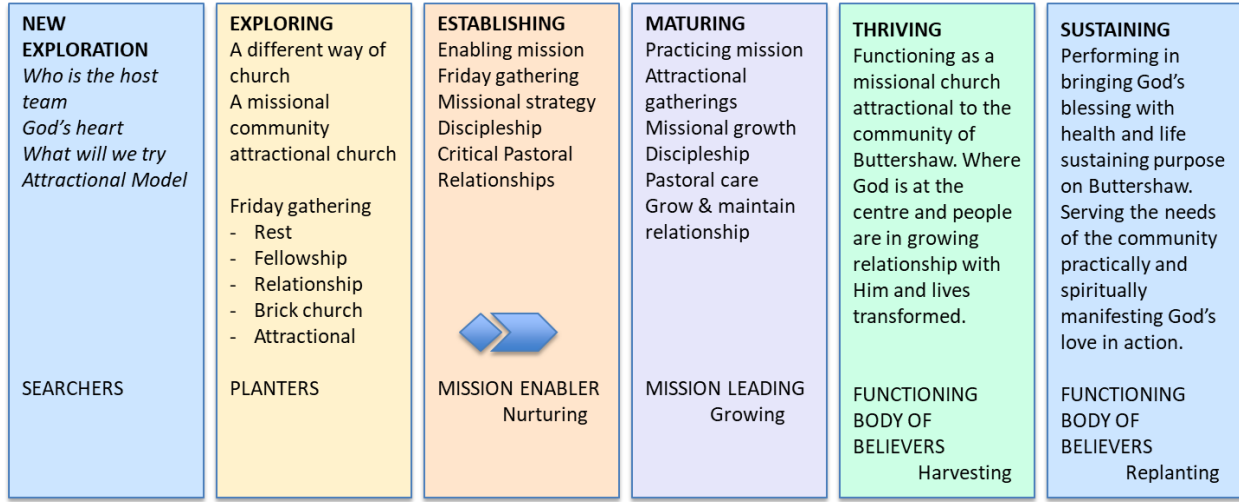
Our ministry

In action

At Buttershaw Baptist Church we continue to operate with our partners approach to encourage a relational basis for commitment within the church community. Our rhythm of gathering is on a Friday Evening:

1st Friday in month	2nd Friday in month	3rd Friday in month	4th Friday in Month	5th Friday - when occur
Brick Church Children orientated - Light teatime meal - Worship - Short scripture based film - Craft - Lego Brick model making of the story - Adults exploration of God's message	Hope Gathering Adults orientated. - Worship - Prayer - Three thirds bible study and discussion - Fellowship.	Brick Church Children orientated - Light teatime meal - Worship - Short scripture based film - Craft - Lego Brick model making of the story - Adults exploration of God's message	Fellowship Adults orientated. - Communion - Prayer - Bible reading.	Optional special event or joint initiatives.

In this new exploration development of the church, the strategy is expressed by the following steps.



While there are tentative and encouraging signs of growth and opportunity in relationships through 2025, the church is vulnerable.

2025 was about moving from an exploratory phase into enabling mission. With a limited number of core people and trustees while complemented by valuable support from Clayton and others, there is limited physical presence within the Buttershaw community to build relationships and undertake discipleship. There is limited capability to strengthen and develop the tentative signs of growth.

In 2026 the church needs to review with its members, the YBA and supporting people its ability to continue its missional calling of making Jesus known in Buttershaw as it seeks to mature its missional calling and activity. If the church is to continue then it needs to identify the resources to support this, or if not, to prayerfully consider how best to conclude its operations and protect the people and operations that depend on its assets.

Membership and Partners

We continue to discern the mind of Christ as a church through prayerful discussion amongst those who are Partners (our name for 'Members') but decision-making within a congregational system of church government is no longer the primary 'point' of membership. Instead, being a Partner of the church reflects those who are a 'part' of the church family, vision and values of Buttershaw Baptist church and most importantly, our relationship with God, each other and those in the wider communities in which we live.

Partnership should become first and foremost about meaningful covenantal relationships. Commitment is no longer a duty so much as a desire to walk together through the ups and downs of life and to encourage each other to become more like Jesus and to fulfil the vision and calling upon us all.

As part of this covenantal principle, the Partnership approach is to each year invite those who worship with us to intentionally consider the vision and values of the Church and intentionally choose to partner, or not. The February AGM is a regular point at which this covenant is invited and responded to. The approach to a Partnership model of church family has been developed as a standalone document and may be read separately. This identifies the rhythm of Partnership and principles of engagement. At the February AGM, particular vision objectives are to be confirmed following consultation with the Church Family for the year ahead. The covenant and commitment to Partner with the Church is based on Partnering to support these vision objectives. The church's core activities and the vision items are described below.

Buttershaw Baptist Church Core Activities

In our expression and practice of the commission God sets before us the main activities of the Church and CIO are described earlier. These are our core activities and the outworking of them in particular aspects are as follows:

- We are committed to gathering together at Buttershaw Baptist Church, our homes and other locations within the Buttershaw estate
- We are committed to support and celebrate outreach events and Christian festivals such as:
 - Christmas events and celebrations
 - Easter Sunday/Maundy Thursday celebrations
 - Holiday Club week (August time)
 - Children and young people (Brick Church)
 - Life groups (Fellowship evenings and Hope night)
 - Weekly Gatherings that include worship, word and prayer, and regular communion
 - Baptism by full immersion.
- At Buttershaw Baptist Church it is important our partners make every effort to participate in the three church meetings each year. These generally take place in February as the AGM, and two ordinary church meetings in June and October.
 - The AGM, is where Partners recommit to the Church and its objectives and vision for the year ahead along with the practical aspects of key administrative actions.
 - The Summer Meeting (usually in June) is for checking the progress and vision of the church and an update on activity. It is an opportunity to adjust or amend the visions and direction of efforts.
 - In general the Autumn Meeting (usually in October) is where we set the budget for the following year, confirm role holders for tasks within the church and invite Partners to contribute to the vision setting for the following year.
- From time to time there may be the need for a "special" church meeting. These are often single agenda items that need to be addressed quickly and can not wait for the next planned meeting. Partners are also encouraged to make every effort to attend the meeting.

Vision Objectives

In 2025 the Vision Objectives were set at the 9 February 2025 AGM but recognised that the stopping of the Sunday based church gathering and moving into the new Exploration phase would bring change. In essence our current vision objectives reflect our activity. But will need to be reviewed further in 2026 as the church continues to explore its future and God's plans and purpose for it.

- **Mission through community and relationship:** a gathering and fellowship that is accessible and fosters missional relationship building between the Buttershaw community and Jesus working with other Christians on Buttershaw to this aim.
- **Family Centre and community,** continuing to seek opportunity to work and collaborate in community initiatives with the Family Centre and partner with them in our aligned visions to see God Bless Buttershaw.

Projects

There have been various requirements in response to leaks and weather to continue to undertake repairs on the building's roof.

We carry an ambition to improve the kitchen and toilet facilities, and develop solar energy opportunities for the Church Building. These projects require resource for fundraising activity. Fund raising for kitchen improvements started in 2023 with a number of events carried out and some promising funds provided including from joint Church and Family Centre initiatives.

Various notable building maintenance activities have been undertaken in 2025.

Quinquennial Survey

A quinquennial survey was conducted.

- Undertaken: 10 March 2025
- by: Gary Newton MRICS, LeaHough Chartered Surveyors (Blackburn).

Summary findings categorised a range of requirements to be undertaken relative to respective time frames. The Trustees identified the most pressing and agreed funding of these items with the Church Members. There is continuing action and funding required to resolve other items.

Prioritised Actions from Quinquennial Survey completed in 2025

- Legionella Survey
- Electrical Survey
- Gas inspections
- Inspections of mechanical ventilation
- Asbestos Survey and report kept on site
- Flat roof repairs

- Replace door to rear elevation of church hall

Notable Building maintenance and interventions

Asbestos survey identified minor signage requirements to a small number of areas that has been undertaken. The asbestos survey report has been provided to the Family Centre and the report retained on site.

The door to the rear elevation of the church hall has been blocked up rather than replaced. The Family Centre identified that the doorway had no functional purpose for them and was not required as an escape route.

The two boilers that served the main kitchen and the 'Green Room' and toilet facilities' stopped functioning. The most effective and efficient solution to their replacement was to upgrade one of the two Main Hall water heater (boiler's) to be a combined heating and water boiler. The budget for this work was agreed and undertaken. The replacement 'combi-boiler' now serves both heating in the main hall (complementing the retained unit) and provides heating and hot water to the main kitchen, 'Green Room' and toilets. The other boilers are left in-situ to be removed and their external openings closed with the respective future projects to these areas.

Financial summary

Accounts

In 2025 the following bank accounts were held by the church:

- Current Account - for general activity and restricted budgets: Co-operative Bank (retained)
- Youth & Community works - for particular mission activity: Co-operative Bank (closed in 2025)
- High Interest Account - savings and reserves: Baptist Union (closed in 2025)

For aiding simplicity of church finance management and ease of financial actions it was decided to rationalise church bank accounts into a single account, implemented in 2025.

In the budget established for 2025 and consistent with previous reviews of how finances are managed it is recognised that some budgets need to be protected, stewarded and managed over multiple years to help fund exceptional requirements. These restricted aspects are most notably for maintenance requirements of the Church building and particular projects.

Summary of outgoings and incomings

There has been reduced income from weekly giving. Comparatively outgoings are also reduced without a minister's Stipend and Housing obligation.

In addition, we increased family centre rent in 2025 to £13,000 per annum as part of a general strategy to increase rent to a more representative market rent for the space provision and inflation adjustment.

There is continued expenditure on building maintenance requirements. Specific actions being developed to help address these problems are as follows

- Preserving specific budgets by the use of protected reserve accounts
- Ongoing review of rental income in relation to the Family Centre.
- Review of financial interrelationship with the Family Centre.

Buttershaw Baptist Church Accounts 2025 Summary:

- Total receipts for the year were £45,375.11
- Total payments for the year were £36,145.78

Reserves

The Church has a policy aim to keep £15,000 in reserve to allow for the charity to be closed down in an orderly fashion if necessary.

- The charity's free cash reserves at the year end were £29,608.58.

Buttershaw Baptist Church

Annual Financial Report 2025

Report of the Independent Examiner(s) of the Trustees of Buttershaw Baptist Church

On the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts present with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as apart of an independent examination. (If accounts prepared on accruals basis*)

I 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 recorded.

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

Signed by or on behalf of the Examiner: _____ Date: 05/02/2026

Name: Elisa Brown FCCA, MAAT of E Brown Limited

Relevant Professional Qualification(s) or body (if any): ACCA, AAT

Address: Central Place, Clayton, Bradford, BD14 6AZ

Balance Sheet

	£
Opening Balance	20379.24
Total income	45375.11
Total Payments	36145.77
	29608.58

Co op Bank	29,608.58
Banking in transit	0.00
HI Account	0.00
Youth & Community Account	0.00
	29,608.58

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General Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	2024
Receipts					
Offerings		25,816.09	0.00	25,816.09	27,443.51
Donations	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,693.59
Other Income	2	735.03	0.00	735.03	1,116.17
Income Tax Recovered on Gifts		5,399.49	0.00	5,399.49	4,360.08
Interest	3	40.16	0.00	0.00	416.59
Rent - Family Centre		13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	11,000.00
Received for Other Causes	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,953.00
Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income	5	384.34	0.00	384.34	260.21
Balance from Eden account		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth and Community	6	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,209.41
Total Receipts:		45,375.11	0.00	45,375.11	49,452.56
Payments					
Ministry	7	6,539.99	0.00	6,539.99	29,778.10
Outreach	8	201.41	0.00	201.41	1,005.63
Church Premises	9	17,946.25	0.00	17,946.25	11,310.92
Gifts to Other Causes	10	5,530.00	0.00	5,530.00	6,395.00
Other Expenditure	11	4,940.50	0.00	4,940.50	3,684.38
Youth and Community - Mission	12	987.62	0.00	987.62	791.05
Total Payments:		36,145.77	0.00	36,145.77	52,965.08
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		9,229.34	0.00	9,229.34	-3,512.52
Balance Brought Forward				12,145.44	15,657.96
Balance Carried Forward				21,374.78	12,145.44

Diff from cash in hand

Legacy Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	2024
Receipts					
Legacy		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		0.00	0.00	0.00	2,024.00
Payments					
Equipment		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book-keeping Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	851.76
Total Payments		0.00	0.00	0.00	851.76
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,172.24
Balance Brought Forward				2,587.19	3,438.95
Balance Carried Forward				2,587.19	4,611.19

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2025

	<i>Notes</i>	2025	2024
Assets			
<i>Tangible Fixed Assets</i>			
Property, Fixtures and Fittings	13	290,000	290,000
<i>Tangible Current Assets</i>			
Bank and Other Cash Balances	14 15	29,608.58	20,379.24
<i>Representing Balances on the Following Accounts:</i>			
Co op Bank		29,608.58	12,010.63
Banking in transit		0.00	0.00
HI Account		0.00	7,507.41
Youth & Community Account		0.00	861.20
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
Non-Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
		29,608.58	20,379.24

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Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025	Total Funds 2024
1) Donations				
General Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Holiday Club	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kitchen Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,693.59
Premises	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,693.59
2) Other Income				
From BU Deposit account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refund - other	92.62	0.00	92.62	0.00
Refund from Footprints Childcare	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refund - Cross charging	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hall Hire	540.00	0.00	540.00	420.00
Refund - Manse costs	102.41	0.00	102.41	696.17
	735.03	0.00	735.03	1,116.17
3) Interest				
Current Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BU Deposit Account	40.16	0.00	40.16	416.59
	40.16	0.00	40.16	416.59
4) Received for Other Causes				
Cooking On A Budget	0	0	0	1953
	0	0	0	1953
5) Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income				
Dovesdale Fund	384.34	0.00	384.34	260.21
	384.34	0.00	384.34	260.21
6) Youth and Community				
Donations including for Holiday club	15.00	0.00	15.00	1,209.41
	15.00	0.00	15.00	1,209.41

7) Ministry

Minister				
Stipend and On-Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,929.33
Minister's Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	443.52
Manse Expenses	2,789.99	0.00	2,789.99	5,405.25
Minister Support	3,750.00	0.00	3,750.00	0.00
	6,539.99	0.00	6,539.99	29,778.10

8) Youth & Community - Outreach

Christmas	201.41	0.00	201.41	330.00
Easter	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.90
Women's event	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	597.73
Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Events/Elders weekend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	201.41	0.00	201.41	1,005.63

9) Church Premises						
Cross Charging - Other	1,413.31	0.00	1,413.31	1,576.01		
Cross Charging - Utilities	2,178.81	0.00	2,178.81	3,210.90		
Equipment	85.05	0.00	85.05	0.00		
Insurance	2,811.55	0.00	2,811.55	2,689.30		
Repairs/General Maintenance	11,457.53	0.00	11,457.53	3,834.71		
	17,946.25	0.00	17,946.25	11,310.92		
10) Gifts to Other Causes						
BMS	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00	2,420.00		
Home Mission	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00	2,400.00		
Hope Housing	540.00	0.00	540.00	720.00		
Zephaniah Trust	540.00	0.00	540.00	720.00		
Other	250.00	0.00	250.00	135.00		
Missions from mission fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	5,530.00	0.00	5,530.00	6,395.00		
11) Other Expenditure						
Admin	324.56	0.00	324.56	100.00		
Hospitality	1,416.34	0.00	1,416.34	245.92		
Kitchen Fund Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00		
Leadership / Development	187.82	0.00	187.82	279.83		
Pastoral	291.17	0.00	291.17	291.68		
Subs / Fees	1,357.76	0.00	1,357.76	1,156.86		
Legacy Account - Finance	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.19		
Warm Space Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Coronation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Baby Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Cooking On A Budget	0.00	1,349.26	1,349.26	600.90		
Miscellaneous Expenditure	13.59	0.00	13.59	0.00		
	3,591.24	1,349.26	4,940.50	3,684.38		
12) Youth and Community Mission						
Heroes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Holiday Club	987.62	0.00	987.62	791.05		
Schools	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	987.62	0.00	987.62	791.05		
13) Tangible Fixed Assets						
Property	200,000.00					
Fixtures & Fittings	90,000.00					
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	290,000.00					

14) Bank and Other Cash Balances

Current Account	29,608.58
Banking in transit	0.00
Youth & Community Account	0.00
BUC Deposit Account	0.00
Total Tangible Current Assets	29,608.58

15) Bank Account Unrestricted/restricted funds split

	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
General Fund	25,336.93	0.00	25,336.93	6,389.72	0.00	6,389.72
Legacy Account	0.00	2,478.00	2,478.00	0.00	2,478.00	2,478.00
Youth and Community Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	861.20	0.00	861.20
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outreach Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking On A Budget	0.00	2.84	2.84	0.00	1,352.10	1,352.10
Kitchen Fund	0.00	1,790.81	1,790.81	0.00	1,790.81	1,790.81
Total Bank Account Unrestricted/restricted funds	25,336.93	4,271.65	29,608.58	7,250.92	5,620.91	12,871.83

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out above relating to the year ending 31st December 2025 are as approved by the church meeting held on 8th February 2026

Signed:  02/02/2026

Signed: 

Church Treasurer

Church Secretary

Signed:  05/02/2026

8 Feb 2026

Elisa Brown FCCA, MAAT

BUTTERSHAW BAPTIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1168084

Accounts

Buttershaw Baptist Church

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Trustees

Name	Position	Date of Appointment	First or second 3 year term
Gavin Humphries	Minister		Resigned 5 June 2024
Louise Innes	Treasurer	7 th October 2020	Second to 6 th October 2026
David Bull	Secretary	10 th February 2019	Second to 9 th February 2025
Elizabeth Radice	Trustee	15 th May 2022	First to 14 th May 2025
Helen Thomson	Trustee	15 th May 2022	First to 14 th May 2025

Charity number

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1168084, on 6th July 2016.

Registered and principal address

Buttershaw Baptist Church

The Crescent

Buttershaw

Bradford

BD6 3PZ

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Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank

P O Box 250

Delf House

Southway

SKELMERSDALE

WN8 6WT

Independent examiner

Lynne Roberts

27 Acre Avenue

Eccleshill

Bradford

BD2 2LL

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 6th July 2016.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at members' meetings.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

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

The Church is committed to the provision, maintenance and improvement of its building, which is a place of religious worship and is open to the public.

These objects are as amended by the draft revised constitution agreed at the Ordinary Church Members Meeting on 3rd December 2020.

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The charity's main activities

The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Principle Vision

Through PRAYER communication and relationship with our FATHER and by the GOSPEL of JESUS we are EMPOWERED by the SPIRIT to see people whom God has called, to grow in the personal anointing, maturity and understanding of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and become a disciple maker through prayer, sharing the Good News with and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Achievements and performance

The year of 2024 has been a year of continuing consolidation. Many areas of hope, but it was with sadness that our Minister Gavin Humphries resigned and we blessed him and his family in their next steps.

We have continued to maintain and work on strengthening relationships with the Family Centre and their trustees. We are continuing to hold termly trustee meetings to help with communications and sharing of initiatives and to identify where support can be provided between them and the Church.

We have held a workday in June to continue our commitment to look after our building. We have filled holes and completed the painting of walls especially in the main entrance foyer that is now much improved though there is still much work to do.

It has been a great encouragement to continue to build links with St Michael's and St Aidan's and to engage with their mission focus on Buttershaw.

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Within all this though has been a time of suffering with our minister, Gavin needing to take extended leave due to ill health and the other trustees working together with the congregation to maintain the church activity.

We have sought to continue to serve and change where needed, pursuing God's vision and blessing for Buttershaw where we can. In it all, we are reminded in all things of the faithfulness of our Lord and Saviour.

Baptisms

We are conscious of the absence of baptisms in the regular life of the Church and this remains a high priority. With the new Partner approach to engagement of our Church Family, on an annual basis, will require asking those who worship with us to intentionally join us as a partner and to intentionally ask about their personal commitment to following Jesus witnessed by the act of baptism by full immersion.

Mission

We see mission; locally, regionally, nationally and internationally as key to the calling upon the life of Buttershaw Baptist Church.

We had an incredible Children's Holiday Club again this year, it was truly a blessing to be able to share God's word with the young people of Buttershaw over a week of spirit filled entertainment. The commitment provided through the leadership of Alex Radice is immense along with the army of volunteers contributing to this heritage of blessing to our community. The Family Sunday was a vision of a community Church in action, multi-generational families eating, worshipping and engaging in celebration of God's blessing. We have had some great times of witness associated with Family Centre gatherings.

People

We would again like to thank and recognise the passion, vision and commitment of our current membership and we are enjoying seeing many of them stepping into the opportunities to serve and support. There is a strong core of people who are faithful in their service.

Life Groups

Our Lifegroups are a place to connect and belong. They are a place where you are known and can grow. We take time to praise and worship God before delving into His word through bible studies or following a teaching series.

Trustee changes and activities

We have maintained our elected trustees group of four in 2024, though recognising the resignation of the Minister has reduced the trustee leadership team of its permanent trustee. We have continued to strengthen as a group and have found resilience in meeting the challenges of the year and recognition of the complimentary gifts and skills that God has blessed us with.

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It is with sadness and recognition of the faithful service that two of our elders and church trustees are intending to resign at the forthcoming February 2025 AGM. This is presenting a particular challenge of leadership capacity to sustain the fellowship. We have been working closely with the Yorkshire Baptist Association, Regional Minister to help establish plans and how as a church we meet the clear mission opportunity demonstrated through our community footprint with the Family Centre and the outreach events we have hosted.

As a group of Trustees, we have maintained an inclusive leadership approach. As part of this we held an away day in May 2024 for those providing key inputs, leadership and service to the life of the Church. This was a great day that helped us to understand what might be the direction that God is leading us in following our minister's resignation..

Our ministry

At Buttershaw Baptist Church we continue to operate with our partners approach to encourage a relational basis for commitment within the church community.

We continue to discern the mind of Christ as a church through prayerful discussion amongst those who are Partners (our new name for 'Members') but decision-making within a congregational system of church government is no longer the primary 'point' of membership. Instead, being a Partner of the church reflects those who are a 'part' of the church family, vision and values of Buttershaw Baptist church and most importantly, our relationship with God, each other and those in the wider communities in which we live.

Partnership should become first and foremost about meaningful covenantal relationships. Commitment is no longer a duty so much as a desire to walk together through the ups and downs of life and to encourage each other to become more like Jesus and to fulfil the vision and calling upon us all.

As part of this covenantal principle, the Partnership approach is to each year invite those who worship with us to intentionally consider the vision and values of the Church and intentionally choose to partner, or not. The February AGM will be a regular point at which this covenant is invited and responded to. The approach to a Partnership model of church family has been developed as a standalone document and may be read separately. This identifies the rhythm of Partnership and principles of engagement. At the February AGM, three particular vision objectives will be confirmed following consultation with the Church Family for the year ahead. The covenant and commitment to Partner with the Church will be based on Partnering to support these vision objectives. The church's core activities and the three visions items are described below.

Buttershaw Baptist Church Core Activities

In our expression and practice of the commission God sets before us the main activities of the Church and CIO are described earlier. These are our core activities and the outworking of them in particular aspects are as follows:

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- We are committed to gathering together at Buttershaw Baptist Church, our homes and other locations within the Buttershaw estate
- We are committed to support and celebrate outreach events and Christian festivals such as:
 - Christmas events and celebrations
 - Easter Sunday/Maundy Thursday celebrations
 - Holiday Club week (August time)
 - Children and young people (Heroes and young people outreach)
 - Life groups
 - Weekly Gatherings that include worship, word and prayer, and regular communion
 - Baptism by full immersion.
- At Buttershaw Baptist Church it is important our partners make every effort to participate in the three church meetings each year. These generally take place in February as the AGM, and two ordinary church meetings in June and October.
 - The AGM, is where Partners recommit to the Church and its objectives and vision for the year ahead along with the practical aspects of key administrative actions.
 - In general the Autumn Meeting (usually in October) is where we set the budget for the following year, confirm role holders for tasks within the church and invite Partners to contribute to the vision setting for the following year.
 - The Summer Meeting (usually in June) is for checking the progress and vision of the church and an update on activity. It is an opportunity to adjust or amend the visions and direction of efforts.
- From time to time there may be the need for a “special” church meeting. These are often single agenda items that need to be addressed quickly and can not wait for the next planned meeting. Partners are also encouraged to make every effort to attend the meeting.

Three Particular Vision Objectives

In 2024 the Particular Vision Objectives were:

- **Doing the basics well**; worshipping together and seeking how does God work through us with the people that He provides for the co-creation he calls us to in seeing His Kingdom come on Buttershaw.
- **Family Centre and community**, continuing to seek opportunity to work and collaborate in community initiatives with the Family Centre and partner with them in our aligned visions to see God Bless Buttershaw.
- **Partner Churches mission relationship**, exploring the emerging relationship with the Church of England's ambitions for mission on Buttershaw and the honour they bestow in recognising that the mantle and anointing for mission on Buttershaw flows from the Baptist Church.

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For 2025, the direction of church development and how we operate is being reviewed to address our response to the challenges of reduced leadership capacity and the mission opportunities that we believe God continues to ask us to meet with the community of Buttershaw. The 2024 particular vision objectives are still relevant but may need to be revisited as we prayerfully consider the best steps for our future and a new strategic direction.

Heroes

Our Heroes children's work has continued in 2024, led by Alex Radice and team particularly parents of our children to participate in the provision of our children's work. Heroes, targets primary aged school children to learn, discover and experience more about our Christian faith.

Projects

There have been various requirements in response to leaks and weather to continue to undertake repairs on the building's roof.

We still carry an ambition to improve the kitchen and toilet facilities, in addition we have had an initial review of solar energy opportunities for the Church Building. Fund raising for kitchen improvements started in 2023 with a number of events carried out and some promising funds provided including from joint Church and Family Centre initiatives.

There is a continued ambition to upgrade the building's main toilet facilities for accessibility benefit for a diverse community benefit. A renewable energy survey has identified potential for installation of solar energy to the building roofs.

We will be looking to continue pursuing these improvements further as capacity and fund raising allows.

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In the budget established for 2024 and on previous reviews of how finances are managed it is recognised that some budgets need to be protected, stewarded and managed over multiple years to help fund exceptional requirements. These restricted aspects are most notably for maintenance requirements of the Church building and particular projects.

In 2024 the following bank accounts were held by the church:

- Current Account - for general activity and restricted budgets: Co-operative Bank
- Youth & Community works - for particular mission activity: Co-operative Bank
- High Interest Account - savings and reserves: Baptist Union

For aiding simplicity of church finance management and ease of financial actions in 2025 it was decided to rationalise church bank accounts into a single account in 2025.

Restricted budgets within the Current Account are amounts for budgeted purposes that have been identified by the Church as needing a specific fund.

Summary of outgoings and incomings

There has been reduced income from weekly giving. Comparatively outgoings have reduced in response to Minister resignation, stipend and Manse obligation.

In addition we have increased family centre rent in 2024 to £12,000 per annum with an aim of further continued increases to a more representative market rent for the space provision.

There is continued expenditure on building maintenance requirements. Specific actions being developed to help address these problems are as follows

- Preserving specific budgets by the use of protected reserve accounts
- Ongoing review of rental income in relation to the Family Centre.
- Review of financial interrelationship with the Family Centre.

Buttershaw Baptist Church Accounts:

- Total receipts for the year were £49,452.56
- Total payments for the year were £52,965.08

Reserves

The Church has a policy aim to keep £15,000 in reserve to allow for the charity to be closed down in an orderly fashion if necessary.

- The charity's free cash reserves at the year end were £20,379.24.
- Within this, the High Interest Account reserves at year end were £7,507.41

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Butershaw Baptist Church

On accounts for the year ended 31st Dec 2024 Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages 1 to 4

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:


- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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:  Date: 9-2-25 27/01/25

Name: Lynne Roberts

Relevant professional qualification(s)

Address: 27 Acre Avenue
Eccleshill
Bradford BD2 2LL

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

We have had to adjust youth and community figures to add some cash in tre
I am satisfied this is all correct now. Youth and community got very muddled

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General Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Receipts					
Offerings		27,443.51	0.00	27,443.51	37,025.63
Donations	1	0.00	1,693.59	1,693.59	1,761.90
Other Income	2	1,116.17	0.00	1,116.17	8,484.14
Income Tax Recovered on Gifts		4,360.08	0.00	4,360.08	7,095.78
Interest	3	416.59	0.00	0.00	461.53
Rent - Family Centre		11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	9,000.00
Received for Other Causes	4	0.00	1,953.00	1,953.00	200.00
Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income	5	260.21	0.00	260.21	0.00
Balance from Eden account		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth and Community	6	959.41	250.00	1,209.41	345.00
Total Receipts:		45,555.97	3,896.59	49,452.56	64,373.98

Payments					
Ministry	7	29,778.10	0.00	29,778.10	33,417.97
Outreach	8	0.00	1,005.63	1,005.63	1,010.12
Church Premises	9	11,310.92	0.00	11,310.92	9,264.91
Gifts to Other Causes	10	6,395.00	0.00	6,395.00	8,455.68
Other Expenditure	11	2,074.29	1,610.09	3,684.38	6,712.97
Youth and Community - Mission	12	0.00	791.05	791.05	1,169.57
Total Payments:		49,558.31	3,406.77	52,965.08	60,031.22

Surplus (Deficit) for the year		-4,002.34	489.82	-3,512.52	4,342.76
Balance Brought Forward				23,891.76	19,549.00
Balance Carried Forward				20,379.24	23,891.76

Diff from cash in hand credit 479.41

Legacy Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Receipts					
Legacy		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments				
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book-keeping Costs	0.00	109.19	109.19	851.76
Total Payments	0.00	109.19	109.19	851.76
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	0.00	-109.19	-109.19	-851.76
Balance Brought Forward			2,587.19	3,438.95
Balance Carried Forward			2,478.00	2,587.19

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023	
Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets				
Property, Fixtures and Fittings	13	290,000	290,000	
Tangible Current Assets				
Bank and Other Cash Balances	14 15	20,379.24	24,371.17	
Representing Balances on the Following Accounts:				
Co op Bank		12,010.63	10,282.47	
Banking in transit		0.00	1,400.00	
HI Account		7,507.41	11,090.82	
Youth & Community Account		861.20	1,597.88	
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00	
Non-Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00	
		20,379.24	24,371.17	

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Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	Total Funds 2023
1) Donations				
General Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.40
Holiday Club	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Kitchen Fund	0.00	1,693.59	1,693.59	1,100.50
Premises	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
	0.00	1,693.59	1,693.59	1,761.90
2) Other Income				
From BU Deposit account	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Refund - Leadership / Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	263.11
Refund from Footprints Childcare	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00
Loan repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Refund - Cross charging	0.00	0.00	0.00	203.03
Hall Hire	420.00	0.00	420.00	0.00
Refund - Manse costs	696.17	0.00	696.17	0.00
	1,116.17	0.00	1,116.17	8,484.14
3) Interest				
Current Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BU Deposit Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	461.53
	416.59	0.00	416.59	461.53
4) Received for Other Causes				
Coronation	0	0	0	200
Cooking On A Budget	0	1953	1953	0
	0	1953	1953	200
5) Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income				
Dovesdale Fund	260.21	0.00	260.21	0.00
	260.21	0.00	260.21	0.00
6) Youth and Community				
Donations including for Holiday club	959.41	250.00	1,209.41	345.00

7) Ministry						
Minister						
Stipend and On-Costs	23,929.33	0.00	23,929.33	30,525.56		
Minister's Expenses	443.52	0.00	443.52	575.28		
Manse Expenses	5,405.25	0.00	5,405.25	2,317.13		
	29,778.10	0.00	29,778.10	33,417.97		
8) Youth & Community - Outreach						
Christmas	0.00	330.00	330.00	563.92		
Easter	0.00	77.90	77.90	72.28		
Women's event	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.53		
Outreach	0.00	597.73	597.73	318.39		
Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Special Events/Elders weekend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.00	1,005.63	1,005.63	1,010.12		
9) Church Premises						
Cross Charging - Other	1,576.01	0.00	1,576.01	1,377.88		
Cross Charging - Utilities	3,210.90	0.00	3,210.90	2,469.81		
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	213.30		
Insurance	2,689.30	0.00	2,689.30	2,190.92		
Repairs/General Maintenance	3,834.71	0.00	3,834.71	3,013.00		
Bedale Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	11,310.92	0.00	11,310.92	9,264.91		
10) Gifts to Other Causes						
BMS	2,420.00	0.00	2,420.00	2,200.00		
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Eden Buttershaw	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Home Mission	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,000.00		
Hope Housing	720.00	0.00	720.00	600.00		
Warm Space	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Zephaniah Trust	720.00	0.00	720.00	600.00		
Other	135.00	0.00	135.00	300.00		
Missions from mission fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,755.68		
	6,395.00	0.00	6,395.00	8,455.68		
11) Other Expenditure						

Balance Sheet

		£
Opening Balance		24371.17
Total income		49452.56
Total Payments		52965.08
		20858.65
Co op Bank	12,010.63	
Banking in transit	0.00	
HI Account	7,507.41	
Youth & Community Account	861.20	
	20,379.24	
diff	-479.41	

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Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2023

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Trustees

Name	Position	Date of Appointment	First or second 3 year term
Gavin Humphries	Minister		Permanent
Louise Innes	Treasurer	7 th October 2020	Second to 6 th October 2026
David Bull	Secretary	10 th February 2019	Second to 9 th February 2025
Elizabeth Radice	Trustee	15 th May 2022	First to 14 th May 2025
Helen Thomson	Trustee	15 th May 2022	First to 14 th May 2025

Charity number

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1168084, on 6th July 2016.

Registered and principal address

Buttershaw Baptist Church

The Crescent

Buttershaw

Bradford

BD6 3PZ

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Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank

P O Box 250

Delf House

Southway

SKELMERSDALE

WN8 6WT

Independent examiner

Lynne Roberts

27 Acre Avenue

Eccleshill

Bradford

BD2 2LL

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 6th July 2016.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at members' meetings.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

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

The Church is committed to the provision, maintenance and improvement of its building, which is a place of religious worship and is open to the public.

These objects are as amended by the draft revised constitution agreed at the Ordinary Church Members Meeting on 3rd December 2020.

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The charity's main activities

The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Principle Vision

Through PRAYER communication and relationship with our FATHER and by the GOSPEL of JESUS we are EMPOWERED by the SPIRIT to see people whom God has called, to grow in the personal anointing, maturity and understanding of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and become a disciple maker through prayer, sharing the Good News with and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Achievements and performance

The year of 2023 has been a year of establishing new rhythms, continuing consolidation, exploring new opportunities and needing to support each other in difficult times.

Commencing our new approach to fellowship and engagement with the church through the Partnership approach as we transitioned from the old Membership model has been a positive step. However, our regular numbers have been stable with some new people worshipping with us as some of our elder folk have been less able to be with us.

We have held a number of fundraising initiatives in support of the kitchen refurbishment project and have seen a great blessing for this.

We concluded our warmspace activity in the spring of 2023 from the previous winter. We have been tentatively promoting the local foodbank with church partners providing donations. It was

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great to support Reeve Hill School in their summer funday, helping to set up stalls and activities. Then continuing to join in the community and funday activities.

We have continued to maintain and work on strengthening relationships with the Family Centre and their trustees. We are holding termly trustee meetings to help with communications and sharing of initiatives and to identify where support can be provided between them and the Church.

We have held two workdays over the year in our commitment to look after our building. We have filled holes and painted walls especially in the main entrance foyer that is now much improved though there is still much work to do.

It has been a great encouragement to continue to build links with St Michael's and St Aidan's and to engage with their mission focus on Buttershaw.

Within all this though has been a time of suffering with our minister, Gavin needing to take extended leave due to ill health and the other trustees working together with the congregation to maintain the church activity.

We have sought to continue to serve and change where needed, pursuing God's vision and blessing for Buttershaw where we can. In it all, we are reminded in all things of the faithfulness of our Lord and Saviour.

Baptisms

We are conscious of the absence of baptisms in the regular life of the Church and this remains a high priority. With the new Partner approach to engagement of our Church Family, on an annual basis, will require asking those who worship with us to intentionally join us as a partner and to intentionally ask about their personal commitment to following Jesus witnessed by the act of baptism by full immersion.

We had two baptisms in 2023.

Mission

We see mission; locally, regionally, nationally and internationally as key to the calling upon the life of Buttershaw Baptist Church.

A growing relationship with the local Church of England parish churches of St Michael's Shelf and St Aidan's Buttershaw has continued in 2023. There has been a growing burden for mission expressed by them and desire to partner with Buttershaw Baptist Church in mission activity. We have had some great initial conversations and prayer times at a leadership level on how this might work and where it might take us. We have held some initial events together and these continue previous initiatives that have been done together like Alpha.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Folosu Enwerem at her induction service for the Church of England as the Pioneer Minister for Buttershaw and we look forward to working collaboratively to support this great commitment.

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We had an incredible Children's Club again this year, it was truly a blessing to be able to share God's word with the young people of Buttershaw over a week of spirit filled entertainment. The Family Sunday was a vision of a community Church in action, multi-generational families eating, worshipping and engaging in celebration of God's blessing.

People

We would again like to thank and recognise the passion, vision and commitment of our current membership and we are enjoying seeing many of them stepping out into new areas as they put their faith into action.

With our movement to a Partners approach in 2023 we had a modest increase in the amount of people formally recognising their affiliation to the church compared to the previous year.

Leaders away day, we held another great Leaders away day at the Blackley centre where invested further in the 7-Spaces model of a healthy church, and exploring how as a church worshipping community we would continue to express these aspects.

Life Groups

Our Lifegroups are a place to connect and belong. They are a place where you are known and can grow. We take time to praise and worship God before delving into His word through bible studies or following a teaching series. We have had four life groups active in 2023.

Trustee changes and activities

We have maintained our trustees group of five in 2023. We have strengthened as a group and have found resilience in meeting the challenges of the year and recognition of the complimentary gifts and skills that God has blessed us with. We would still welcome the nomination of further new trustees in the forthcoming year to support the works of the CIO and see God's blessing continue to increase on Buttershaw.

As a group of Trustees, we have continued to seek to develop a more inclusive leadership approach. As part of this we held an away day for those providing key inputs, leadership and service to the life of the Church. This was a great day that helped us develop our collective vision of our Church and a time of fellowship and burnt toast.

In addition, we recognised the importance of taking time away to understand what God is calling us to. We had an extended elders meeting and away day in October where we shared and sought God's direction. This was again a valuable time of reflection, personally and as a body, seeking God's direction. It helped us develop vision and planning further our activities. It has helped us to continue to strengthen as a group and navigate a difficult year.

Our ministry

At Buttershaw Baptist Church in 2023 we have implemented a PARTNERS approach to engagement with the church, moving away from the conventional model of membership. This is due to a desire to reclaim a more relational basis for commitment within the church community.

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We continue to discern the mind of Christ as a church through prayerful discussion amongst those who are Partners (our new name for 'Members') but decision-making within a congregational system of church government is no longer the primary 'point' of membership. Instead, being a Partner of the church reflects those who are a 'part' of the church family, vision and values of Buttershaw Baptist church and most importantly, our relationship with God, each other and those in the wider communities in which we live.

Partnership should become first and foremost about meaningful covenantal relationships. Commitment is no longer a duty so much as a desire to walk together through the ups and downs of life and to encourage each other to become more like Jesus and to fulfil the vision and calling upon us all.

As part of this covenantal principle, the Partnership approach is to each year invite those who worship with us to intentionally consider the vision and values of the Church and intentionally choose to partner, or not. The February AGM will be a regular point at which this covenant is invited and responded to. The approach to a Partnership model of church family has been developed as a standalone document and may be read separately. This identifies the rhythm of Partnership and principles of engagement. At the February AGM, three particular vision objectives will be confirmed following consultation with the Church Family for the year ahead. The covenant and commitment to Partner with the Church will be based on Partnering to support these vision objectives. The church's core activities and the three visions items are described below.

Buttershaw Baptist Church Core Activities

In our expression and practice of the commission God sets before us the main activities of the Church and CIO are described earlier. These are our core activities and the outworking of them in particular aspects are as follows:

- We are committed to gathering together at Buttershaw Baptist Church, our homes and other locations within the Buttershaw estate
- We are committed to support and celebrate outreach events and Christian festivals such as:
 1. Christmas events and celebrations
 2. Easter Sunday/Maundy Thursday celebrations
 3. Holiday Club week (August time)
 4. Children and young people (Heroes and young people outreach)
 5. Life groups
 6. Men/women's outreach and gatherings
 7. Weekly Gatherings that include worship, word and prayer, and regular communion

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8. Baptism by full immersion.

- At Buttershaw Baptist Church we would encourage our partners to make every effort to participate in the three church meetings each year. These generally take place in February as the AGM, and two ordinary church meetings in June and October.
 - The AGM, is where Partners recommit to the Church and its objectives and vision for the year ahead along with the practical aspects of key administrative actions.
 - In general the Autumn Meeting (usually in October) is where we set the budget for the following year, confirm role holders for tasks within the church and invite Partners to contribute to the vision setting for the following year.
 - The Summer Meeting (usually in June) is for checking the progress and vision of the church and an update on activity. It is an opportunity to adjust or amend the visions and direction of efforts.
- From time to time there may be the need for a “special” church meeting. These are often single agenda items that need to be addressed quickly and can not wait for the next planned meeting. Partners are also encouraged to make every effort to attend the meeting.

Three Particular Vision Objectives

In 2023 the Particular Vision Objectives were:

- Reevy Hill School
- Cost of living crisis
- Family Centre and community

For 2024 the proposed Particular Vision Objectives to be presented at the February 2024 AGM are:

- **Doing the basics well**; worshipping together and seeking how does God work through us with the people that He provides for the co-creation he calls us to in seeing His Kingdom come on Buttershaw.
- **Family Centre and community**, continuing to seek opportunity to work and collaborate in community initiatives with the Family Centre and partner with them in our aligned visions to see God Bless Buttershaw.
- **Partner Churches mission relationship**, exploring the emerging relationship with the Church of England's ambitions for mission on Buttershaw and the honour they bestow in recognising that the mantle and anointing for mission on Buttershaw flows from the Baptist Church.

Heroes

Our Heroes children's work has continued and led by Alex Radice and team particularly parents of our children to participate in the provision of our children's work. Heroes, targets primary aged school children to learn, discover and experience more about our Christian faith.

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Projects

There have been various requirements in response to leaks and weather to continue to undertake repairs on the building's roof. There are two identified areas of work to undertake on the building's roof that are planned for the forthcoming year subject to available funds, these are to the nursery offices flat roof and the roof and skylights of the Iwasz Suite.

We still carry an ambition to improve the kitchen and toilet facilities, in addition we have had an initial review of solar energy opportunities for the Church Building. Fund raising for kitchen improvements started in 2023 with a number of events carried out and some promising funds provided including from joint Church and Family Centre initiatives. In the forthcoming year and aligned with the Family Centre we will be looking to continue pursuing these improvements further.

Financial summary

Account changes

In the budget established for 2024 and on previous reviews of how finances are managed it is recognised that some budgets need to be protected, stewarded and managed over multiple years to help fund exceptional requirements. These restricted aspects are most notably for maintenance requirements of the Church building and to the Manse.

Two bank accounts are established for the following items:

- Youth and community works.
- Restricted funds maintenance - this is for holding budgeted amounts for specific purposes that have been identified by the Church as needing a specific fund.

Summary of outgoings and incomings

there has been modest growth of weekly giving. However, there is continued expenditure on building maintenance requirements for the roof repairs. In addition to giving receipts we have notified the family centre of the intention to increase of rent in 2024 to £12,000 per annum with an aim of further continued increases to a more representative market rent for the space provision. This initial raise, reinstates the rent of the building to a level from several years ago.

Specific actions being developed to help address these problems are as follows

- Preserving specific budgets by the use of protected reserve accounts
- Ongoing review of rental income in relation to the Family Centre.
- Review of financial interrelationship with the Family Centre.

Summary of accounts income and expenditure.

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- Total receipts for the year were £64,373.98
- Total payments for the year were £60,031.22

Legacy Account:

- Total receipts for the year were £0.00
- Total payments for the year were £851.76

Reserves policy

The charity's free cash reserves at the year end were £24,371.17.

The Church has a policy to aim to keep £15,000 in reserve to allow for the charity to be closed down in an orderly fashion if necessary. High Interest Account reserves at year end were £11,090.82 as funds were required to be drawn down to meet maintenance requirements.

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General Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Receipts					
Offerings		37,025.63	0.00	37,025.63	30,527.00
Donations	1	11.40	1,750.50	1,761.90	853.00
Other Income	2	8,484.14	0.00	8,484.14	0.00
Income Tax Recovered on Gifts		7,095.78	0.00	7,095.78	6,907.00
Interest	3	461.53	0.00	461.53	294.00
Rent - Family Centre		9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Received for Other Causes	4	0.00	200.00	200.00	1,000.00
Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income	5	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00
Balance from Eden account		0.00	0.00	0.00	2,087.00
Youth and Community	6	345.00	0.00	345.00	105.00
Total Receipts:		62,423.48	1,950.50	64,373.98	50,791.00
Payments					
Ministry	7	33,417.97	0.00	33,417.97	31,764.00
Outreach	8	1,010.12	0.00	1,010.12	1,449.00
Church Premises	9	9,264.91	0.00	9,264.91	10,781.00
Gifts to Other Causes	10	8,455.68	0.00	8,455.68	6,671.00
Other Expenditure	11	6,409.69	303.28	6,712.97	2,803.00
Youth and Community - Mission	12	0.00	1,169.57	1,169.57	78.00
Total Payments:		58,558.37	1,472.85	60,031.22	53,546.00
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		3,865.11	477.65	4,342.76	-2,755.00
Balance Brought Forward				19,549.00	22,304.00
Balance Carried Forward				23,891.76	19,549.00
Diff from cash in hand			credit	479.41	
Legacy Account					
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Receipts					
Legacy		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments					
Equipment		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book-keeping Costs		0.00	851.76	851.76	2,329.00
Total Payments		0.00	851.76	851.76	2,329.00
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0.00	-851.76	-851.76	-2,329.00
Balance Brought Forward				3,438.95	5,768.00
Balance Carried Forward				2,587.19	3,439.00

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2023

Assets	Notes	2023	2022
Tangible Fixed Assets			
Property, Fixtures and Fittings	13	290,000	290,000
Tangible Current Assets			
Bank and Other Cash Balances	14	24,371.17	25,743.00
	15		
Representing Balances on the Following Accounts:			
Co op Bank		10,282.47	10,116.85
Banking in transit		1,400.00	-3.00
HI Account		11,090.82	15,629.29
Youth & Community Account		1,597.88	0.00
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
Non-Current Liabilities		0.00	0.00
		24,371.17	25,743.14
Banking in transit			1,000
Rent for Dec not landed in bank yet			400
CAF cheque 29/12/23 off			1,400




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Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	Total Funds 2022
1) Donations				
General Donations	11.40	0.00	11.40	853.00
Holiday Club	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Kitchen Fund	0.00	1,100.50	1,100.50	0.00
Premises	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
	11.40	1,750.50	1,761.90	853.00
2) Other Income				
From BU Deposit account	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Refund - Leadership / Development	263.11	0.00	263.11	0.00
Refund from Footprints Childcare	18.00	0.00	18.00	0.00
Loan repayment	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
Refund - Cross charging	203.03	0.00	203.03	0.00
	8,484.14	0.00	8,484.14	0.00
3) Interest				
Current Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BU Deposit Account	461.53	0.00	461.53	294.00
	461.53	0.00	461.53	294.00
4) Received for Other Causes				
Coronation	0	200	200	0
	0	200	200	1000
5) Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income				
Dovesdale Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00
6) Youth and Community				
Donations	345.00	0.00	345.00	105.00
	345.00	0.00	345.00	105.00
7) Ministry				
Minister				
Stipend and On-Costs	30,525.56	0.00	30,525.56	28,524.00
Minister's Expenses	575.28	0.00	575.28	937.00
Manse Expenses	2,317.13	0.00	2,317.13	2,303.00
	33,417.97	0.00	33,417.97	31,764.00
8) Youth & Community - Outreach				
Christmas	563.92	0.00	563.92	0.00
Easter	72.28	0.00	72.28	0.00
Women's event	55.53	0.00	55.53	0.00
Outreach	318.39	0.00	318.39	643.00
Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.00
Special Events/Elders weekend	0.00	0.00	0.00	662.00
	1,010.12	0.00	1,010.12	1,449.00




9) Church Premises				
Cross Charging - Other	1,377.88	0.00	1,377.88	0.00
Cross Charging - Utilities	2,469.81	0.00	2,469.81	0.00
Equipment	213.30	0.00	213.30	0.00
Insurance	2,190.92	0.00	2,190.92	1,939.00
Repairs/General Maintenance	3,013.00	0.00	3,013.00	6,490.00
Bedale Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	560.00
9,264.91	0.00	9,264.91	8,989.00	
10) Gifts to Other Causes				
BMS	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,000.00
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	656.00
Eden Buttershaw	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Home Mission	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,400.00
Hope Housing	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Warm Space	0.00	0.00	0.00	115.00
Zephaniah Trust	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Other	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Missions from mission fund	2,755.68	0.00	2,755.68	0.00
8,455.68	0.00	8,455.68	6,671.00	
11) Other Expenditure				
Admin	100.00	0.00	100.00	1,429.00
Hospitality	56.04	0.00	56.04	0.00
Kitchen Fund Expenses	0.00	103.28	103.28	0.00
Leadership / Development	580.55	0.00	580.55	0.00
Pastoral	122.00	0.00	122.00	0.00
Subs / Fees	1,620.11	0.00	1,620.11	943.00
Warm Space Grant	914.99	0.00	914.99	0.00
Coronation	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
Baby Bank	16.00	0.00	16.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenditure	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	431.00
6,409.69	303.28	6,712.97	2,803.00	
12) Youth and Community Mission				
Heroes	0.00	19.95	19.95	42.00
Holiday Club	0.00	1,022.21	1,022.21	36.00
Schools	0.00	127.41	127.41	0.00
0.00	1,169.57	1,169.57	78.00	

13) Tangible Fixed Assets
 Property 200,000.00
 Fixtures & Fittings 90,000.00
Total Tangible Fixed Assets 290,000.00

14) Bank and Other Cash Balances
 Current Account 11,682.47
 Youth & Community Account 1,597.88
 BUC Deposit Account 11,090.82
Total Tangible Current Assets 24,371.17

	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
15) Bank Account Unrestricted/restricted funds split					
General Fund	7,779.97	11,090.82	-352.00	15,000.00	14,648.00
Legacy Account	0.00	2,587.19	0.00	3,439.00	3,439.00
Mission Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,755.00	2,755.00
Youth and Community Account	0.00	1,597.88	0.00	2,114.00	2,114.00
Baby Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	16.00
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0.00	313.52	0.00	949.00	949.00
Outreach Fund	0.00	4.57	0.00	507.00	507.00
Premises Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Warm Space Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	915.00	915.00
Kitchen Fund	0.00	997.22	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Bank Account Unrestricted/restricted funds	7,779.97	16,591.20	-352.00	26,095.00	25,743.00

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out above relating to the year ending 31st December 2023 are as approved by the church meeting held on 18th February 2024

Signed:

Church Treasurer

Signed:

Church Secretary

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Balance Sheet

Opening Balance	£ 19549.00
Total Income	64373.98
Total Payments	60031.22
	23891.76
Co op Bank	10,282.47
Banking in transit	1,400.00
HI Account	11,090.82
Legacy Account	
Youth & Community Account	1,597.88
	24,371.17
diff	479.41



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of **Butershaw Baptist Church**

On accounts for the year ended **31st Dec 2023** **Charity no 1168084**

Set out on pages 1 to 4

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
 2. to which, in my opinion, 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: 

Date: 5-2-24 29/01/24

Name: Lynne Roberts

Relevant professional qualification(s)



Address: 27 Acre Avenue
Eccleshill
Bradford BD2 2LL

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

There is a difference between the amount the accounts say should be cash in hand, and the actual amount of £479,41 in credit. I can only presume it is to do with the closure of the Eden account and opening the Youth and Community account, and the change of bookkeeper

There is also a neg credit on cash of 55p, which is impossible so should be ignored and 2024 cash account commenced at 0.

Apart from this all is well, and I think Louise should be commended in the way she has taken over from Ruth at a difficult time and with little handover. I think the diff should be entered into 2024 account Jan 1st as anon donation.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1168084

Accounts

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Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Trustees

Name	Position	Date of Appointment	First or second 3 year term
Gavin Humphries	Minister		Permanent
Louise Innes	Treasurer	7 th October 2020	First to 6 th October 2023
David Bull	Secretary	10 th February 2019	Second to 9 th February 2025
Matthew Law	Trustee	6 th October 2021	Resigned 5 th October 2022
Elizabeth Radice	Trustee	15 th May 2022	First to 14 th May 2025
Helen Thomson	Trustee	15 th May 2022	First to 14 th May 2025

Charity number

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 1168084, on 6th July 2016.

Registered and principal address

Buttershaw Baptist Church

The Crescent

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Bradford

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Bankers

The Co-Operative Bank

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Independent examiner

Lynne Roberts

27 Acre Avenue

Eccleshill

Bradford

BD2 2LL

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 6th July 2016.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at members' meetings.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination.

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

The Church is committed to the provision, maintenance and improvement of its building, which is a place of religious worship and is open to the public.

These objects are as amended by the draft revised constitution agreed at the Ordinary Church Members Meeting on 3rd December 2020.

The charity's main activities

The activities may include but are not restricted to:

- regular public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching;
- baptism, as defined in the Baptist Union's Declaration of Principle;
- the Communion of the Lord's Supper which shall normally be observed at least once a month;
- evangelism and mission, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally;
- the teaching, encouragement, welcome and inclusion of young people;
- nurture and growth of Christian disciples;
- education and training for Christian and community service;
- giving and encouraging pastoral care;
- supporting and encouraging charitable social action in the United Kingdom and abroad;
- encouraging relationships with and supporting Baptists and other Christians.

Principle Vision

Through PRAYER communication and relationship with our FATHER and by the GOSPEL of JESUS we are EMPOWERED by the SPIRIT to see people whom God has called, to grow in the personal anointing, maturity and understanding of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and become a disciple maker through prayer, sharing the Good News with and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Achievements and performance

The year of 2022 has been a time of re-establishing and repositioning as lockdowns eased. This has also seen some things come to an end. We have welcomed new trustees, developing new leadership and strategic direction of how we fellowship and relate to each other. We have developed a new partnership approach to our church family.

We have sought to continue to serve and change where needed, pursuing God's vision and blessing for Buttershaw where we can. In it all, we are reminded in all things of the faithfulness of our Lord and Saviour.

Baptisms

We are conscious of the absence of baptisms in the regular life of the Church and this remains a high priority. With the new Partner approach to engagement of our Church Family, on an annual basis, will require asking those who worship with us to intentionally join us as a partner and to intentionally ask about their personal commitment to following Jesus witnessed by the act of baptism by full immersion. We have not had the opportunity to hold a baptism service in the past year.

Mission

We see mission; locally, regionally, nationally and internationally as key to the calling upon the life of Buttershaw Baptist Church.

We have been blessed to hold our Community Choir. It has been great to see our community continue to sing together in voice and song. The Choir performed at our Jubilee celebrations, at a family day at the local youth centre and at our Christmas events.

We also have our community band with the same aims and goals as the choir. Although we would like to see more engaging in this activity, we do have a good range of people attending from different backgrounds and ages.

Our Jubilee celebration included performances by the Community Choir, bouncy castle, obstacle course and rodeo, crafts and food. The day was attended by around 120 of our local community who enjoyed the activities and music. There were families enjoying the activities, good weather and God's blessing for our community. What better place for God's Church to be than providing enjoyment and blessing to the families and children of this place.

We had an incredible Children's Club again this year, it was truly a blessing to be able to share God's word with the young people of Buttershaw over a week of spirit filled entertainment. The Family Sunday was a vision of a community Church in action, multi-generational families eating, worshipping and engaging in celebration of God's blessing.

The relationship's with the organisations and representatives of local schools, council, wardens, councillors, youth centre, churches, children centres and charities continues to grow and help to bring money, resources and help to local people and challenges they face. We continue to work in partnership to help deliver local events, bring help directly to local people in the form of roadshows and consult with police and city-wide organisations.

With ever growing financial pressure and the impact this has on health issues we have set up a warm space to help tackle and connect with local people by providing a space for those who find themselves isolated and worried to join us each week for food, warmth and conversation.

We expect that the cost of living crises will grow as we move into 2023 and we are expecting the need to continue to work hard as a community church alongside our partners is going to be pivotal to address these issues.

Our long standing youth mission programme, Eden Buttershaw in partnership with The Message Trust, has come to an end with the resignation of key people and team members.

This has been an incredible and blessed missional field where we saw much of God's blessing being poured out on the estate. We are sincerely grateful for the hard work of the Eden Team over the years and are confident in the anointing God has on them. We hope to work with The Message Trust on future mission initiatives.

People

We have had a number of membership resignations as families have moved into new seasons of their lives. We have also welcomed some new people and families who are regularly worshipping with us.

We would again like to thank and recognise the passion, vision and commitment of our current membership and we are enjoying seeing many of them stepping out into new areas as they put their faith into action.

In the summer we updated our Safeguarding policy and provided training to our church membership and those in regular worship with us.

Life Groups

Our Lifegroups are a place to connect and belong. They are a place where you are known and can grow. We take time to praise and worship God before delving into His word through bible studies or following a teaching series. We have started a series called 'Godspeed', which is about slowing down our busy lives in order to catch up with God. We endeavour to create a safe space, where we can be vulnerable and learn how to minister to each other, and where there is no such thing as a silly question. In essence, Lifegroup is essential in any faith journey. We know that Lifegroups are of key worth, for a few reasons; opportunity to check in with a small group of people mid week, get to know one another better, open up and be praying for one another, worshipping and studying the Bible together. It grows good friendships and is the fibre of our Spirit filled Church family.

We are blessed to have a handful of young people who are connected to us at Buttershaw Baptist Church. We said goodbye to Aurelia and Vickon who left for university, and have established a new young people's group. The new group has 6 young people attending each week and we have followed teaching using resources from the 'rightnowmedia' platform which has been a great resource. Our aim is to develop relationships within the group and set our sights on mission and discipleship.

Trustee changes and activities

It was with regret we accepted the resignation of Matthew Law, in his role as a Trustee.

We however, have welcomed Elizabeth Radice and Helen Thomson as Trustees. Their enthusiasm and gifts are truly blessing us. Their passion to see God's love shared, the Word lived out and proclaimed, for Prayer being at the heart of everything is a great blessing to the trustee team and the health of the Church. With a trustee team of five this is providing us with a stronger group to better serve the Church. We would still welcome the nomination of further

new trustees in the forthcoming year to support the works of the CIO and see God's blessing continue to increase on Buttershaw.

As a group of Trustees, we have been seeking to develop a more inclusive leadership approach. As part of this we held an away day for those providing key inputs, leadership and service to the life of the Church. This was a great day where we were ministered to by an old friend of the Church Ash Harding who challenged us on our hopes and faith for the Church. The day helped us capture our collective vision of our Church and the characteristics that are important to us..

In addition, we recognised the importance of taking time away to understand what God is calling us to. We had an extended elders meeting and away day in October where we shared and sought God's direction. This was a valuable time of reflection, personally and as a body, seeking God's direction. It helped us develop vision and planning further our activities.

Our ministry

At Buttershaw Baptist Church we are wanting to move away from the conventional model of membership and move towards being "PARTNERS " of Buttershaw Baptist Church. We are looking to make the decision to change not because we fundamentally disagreed with the inherited system but because we are wanting to reclaim a more relational basis for commitment within the church community.

We continue to discern the mind of Christ as a church through prayerful discussion amongst those who are Partners (our new name for 'Members') but decision-making within a congregational system of church government is no longer the primary 'point' of membership. Instead, being a Partner of the church reflects those who are a 'part' of the church family, vision and values of Buttershaw Baptist church and most importantly, our relationship with God, each other and those in the wider communities in which we live.

Partnership should become first and foremost about meaningful covenantal relationships. Commitment is no longer a duty so much as a desire to walk together through the ups and downs of life and to encourage each other to become more like Jesus and to fulfill the vision and calling upon us all.

As part of this covenantal principle, the Partnership approach is to each year invite those who worship with us to intentionally consider the vision and values of the Church and intentionally choose to partner, or not. The February AGM will be a regular point at which this covenant is invited and responded to. The approach to a Partnership model of church family has been developed as a standalone document and may be read separately. This identifies the rhythm of Partnership and principles of engagement. At the February AGM, three particular vision objectives will be confirmed following consultation with the Church Family for the year ahead. The covenant and commitment to Partner with the Church will be based on Partnering to support these vision objectives. The church's core activities and the three visions items are described below.

Buttershaw Baptist Church Core Activities

In our expression and practice of the commission God sets before us the main activities of the Church and CIO are described earlier. These are our core activities and the outworking of them in particular aspects are as follows:

- We are committed to gathering together at Buttershaw Baptist Church, our homes and other locations within the Buttershaw estate
- We are committed to support and celebrate outreach events and Christian festivals such as:
 1. Christmas events and celebrations
 2. Easter Sunday/Maundy Thursday celebrations
 3. Holiday Club week (August time)
 4. Children and young people (Heroes and young people outreach)
 5. Life groups
 6. Men/women's outreach and gatherings
 7. Weekly Gatherings that include worship, word and prayer, and regular communion
 8. Baptism by full immersion.
- At Buttershaw Baptist Church we would encourage our partners to make every effort to participate in the three church meetings each year. These generally take place in February (AGM), June and October.
- From time to time there may be the need for a “special” church meeting. These are often single agenda items that need to be addressed quickly and can not wait for the next planned meeting. Partners are also encouraged to make every effort to attend the meeting.

Three Particular Vision Objectives

In 2022 the Particular Vision Objectives had not previously been established and are being introduced as part of the new approach in 2023.

For 2023 the proposed Particular Vision Objectives to be presented at the February 2023 AGM are:

- Reevy Hill School
- Cost of living crisis
- Family Centre and community

Heroes

Our Heroes children's work has continued to grow and develop. It is with regret that Hannah Law and Kieran Asher have stepped down from leading this work but this has provided a great opportunity to welcome other people and particularly parents of our children to participate in the provision of our children's work. Heroes, targets primary aged school children to learn, discover and experience more about our Christian faith. Leadership and vision being provided by Alex Radice and Teresa Walsh. The Heroes programme follows the same themes and teaching which we are sharing within church as we encourage both adults and children to share with each other what they have learnt with each other.

The resources we are using come from Gavin's 10 years of experience in children's work mixed with the vast resources found on RightNow Media which includes songs, stories, teaching and much more. We also are using the opportunity for the young to share within our service what they have been doing and taking every chance we can to celebrate our children and what they have learnt and think about Christian faith.

Projects

There have been various requirements in response to leaks and weather to continue to undertake repairs on the building's roof. We have had poor service by one of our contractors and have learnt from this engaging with a more reputable contractor. There are two further areas of work to undertake on the building's roof that are planned for the forthcoming year.

We still carry an ambition to improve the kitchen and toilet facilities but these have not been pursued in the year due to financial challenges. In the forthcoming year and aligned with the Family Centre we will be looking to pursue these improvements further.

Financial summary

Account changes

The bank account used for the Eden Youth Mission has been closed in line with this team ending.

In the budget established for 2023 and following review of how finances are managed it has been recognised that some budgets need to be protected, stewarded and managed over multiple years to help fund exceptional requirements. These restricted aspects are most notably for maintenance requirements of the Church building and to the Manse.

Two new bank accounts are in the process of being established, these are for the following items:

- Youth and community works - remaining funds from the Eden account have been transferred to this account.
- Restricted funds maintenance - this fund will be for holding budgeted amounts for specific purposes that have been identified by the Church as needing a specific fund.

Summary of outgoings and incomings

Over the past year with reducing membership and continuing maintenance expenditure on the building and manse has depleted our reserves. The roof repairs in 2022 have required specific expenditure of £6104. There are two further roof repair actions identified to be addressed in 2023. Some money has been donated specifically for addressing these remaining repair works. Reducing giving receipts is adding financial pressure to Church operations and requires ongoing review in 2023 as they are now less than regular outgoings. This is causing the budget to draw on reserves. Avenues for financial assistance are being sought along with growth of the church giving receipts. Without this, and with the limited reserves available the financial sustainability of current operations in their current form is unlikely to be viable. However, in faith we are prayerfully pursuing God's heart for mission in Buttershaw.

Specific actions being developed to help address these problems are as follows

- Preserving specific budgets by the use of protected reserve accounts
- Review of rental income in relation to the Family Centre
- Discussions beginning with other partner organisations and home mission request for funding

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For the Buttershaw Baptist Church Accounts;

- Total receipts for the year were £50,791
- Total payments for the year were £53,546.

For the Eden Buttershaw Account - closed on 22nd September 2022;

- Total receipts for the year were £1,027.
- Total payments for the year were £4,197.

Note, remaining funds amounting to £2,087 transferred to the Youth and Community account.

Reserves policy

The charity's free cash reserves at the year end were £25,743.

The Church has a policy to always keep £15,000 in reserve to allow for the charity to be closed down in an orderly fashion if necessary.

Unfortunately due to the heating being replaced and many roof repairs we have needed to take £5,000 from our protected reserves to allow us to continue as a functioning and community blessing church. This will come into our general account by the end of January 2023 and will deplete the protected reserves to £10,000.

Buttershaw Baptist Church

Annual Financial Report 2022

General Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Receipts					
Offerings		30,527	0	30,527	39,371
Donations	1	20	833	853	2,500
Other Income	2	0	0	0	83
Income Tax Recovered on Gifts		6,907	0	6,907	7,287
Interest	3	294	0	294	71
Rent - Family Centre		9,000	0	9,000	9,000
Received for Other Causes	4	0	1,000	1,000	350
Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income	5	0	18	18	30
Balance from Eden account		0	2,087	2,087	0
Youth and Community	6	0	105	105	0
Total Receipts:		46,748	4,043	50,791	58,692
Payments					
Ministry	7	31746	18	31,764	31,585
Mission	8	435	1,014	1,449	1,568
Church Premises	9	10781	0	10,781	26123
Gifts to Other Causes	10	5,900	771	6,671	10,113
Administration	11	2,372	0	2,372	2,305
Other Expenditure	12	431	0	431	196
Youth and Community	13	0	78	78	0
Total Payments:		51,665	1,881	53,546	71,890
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		-4,917	2,162	-2,755	-13,198
Balance Brought Forward				22,304	35,502
Balance Carried Forward				19,549	22,304

Overseas Mission Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Receipts					
Donations		0	0	0	0
Loan repaid		0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		0	0	0	0
Payments					
Towards Costs of Trip		0	0	0	0
Loan		0	0	0	0
Donations		0	0	0	0
Total Payments		0	0	0	0
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0	0	0	0
Balance Brought Forward				2,755	2,755
Balance Carried Forward				2,755	2,755

Legacy Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Receipts					
Legacy		0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		0	0	0	0
Payments					
Equipment		0	0	0	0
Book-keeping Costs		0	2,329	2,329	2,131
Total Payments		0	2,329	2,329	2,131
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0	-2,329	-2,329	-2,131
Balance Brought Forward				5,768	7,899
Balance Carried Forward				3,439	5,768

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets			
Property, Fixtures and Fittings	14	290,000	290,000
Tangible Current Assets			
Bank and Other Cash Balances	15 16	25,743	30,827
Representing Balances on the Following Accounts:			
General Account		19,549	22,304
Mission Account		2,755	2,755
Legacy Account		3,439	5,768
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities		0	0
Non-Current Liabilities		0	0

Buttershaw Baptist Church

Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
1) Donations				
General Donations	20	0	20	2500
Outreach	0	20	20	0
Elders Weekend Away	0	383	383	0
Premises	0	400	400	0
Warm Space	0	30	30	0
	20	833	853	2500
2) Other Income				
Holiday Club Fun Day: For Outreach	0	0	0	83
	0	0	0	83
3) Interest				
Current Account	0	0	0	0
H/I YBA Account	17	0	17	1
BOC Deposit Account	277	0	277	70
	294	0	294	71
4) Received for Other Causes				
Warm Space Grant	0	1000	1000	0
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0	0	0	350
	0	1000	1000	350
5) Home Mission Grant and Other Ministerial Income				
Dovesdale Fund	0	18	18	30
	0	18	18	30
6) Youth and Community				
Donations	0	105	105	0
	0	105	105	0
7) Ministry				
Minister				
Stipend and On-Costs	28506	18	28524	28200
Minister's Expenses	937	0	937	92
Manse Expenses	2303	0	2303	3293
	31746	18	31764	31585
8) Mission				
Children & Young People's Work	12	0	12	624
Outreach	0	631	631	800
Resources	144	0	144	144
Special Events/Elders weekend	279	383	662	0
	435	1014	1449	1568

9) Church Premises				
Building fees	0	0	0	2318
Equipment	0	0	0	15741
Insurance	1939	0	1939	1826
Repairs/General Maintenance	6490	0	6490	5191
Utilities	1792	0	1792	1047
Rent	560	0	560	0
	10781	0	10781	26123
10) Gifts to Other Causes				
BMS	2000	0	2000	2000
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0	656	656	763
Eden Buttershaw	300	0	300	3600
Home Mission	2400	0	2400	2400
Hope Housing	600	0	600	600
Warm Space	0	115	115	0
Zephaniah Trust	600	0	600	600
Other	0	0	0	150
	5900	771	6671	10113
11) Administration				
General Administration	1429	0	1429	1542
Subs/Fees	943	0	943	763
	2372	0	2372	2305
12) Other Expenditure				
Miscellaneous Expenditure	431	0	431	196
	431	0	431	196
13) Youth and Community				
Heroes	0	42	42	0
Holiday Club	0	36	36	0
	0	78	78	0
14) Tangible Fixed Assets				
Property	200000			
Fixtures & Fittings	90000			
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	290000			
15) Bank and Other Cash Balances				
Current Account	10114			
BOC Deposit Account	15629			
Total Tangible Current Assets	25743			
16) Bank Account Unrestricted/restricted funds split				
General Fund	-352	15000	14648	18737
Legacy Account	0	3439	3439	5768
Mission Account	0	2755	2755	2755
Youth and Community Account	0	2114	2114	0
Baby Bank	0	16	16	804
Buttershaw Partnership Fund	0	949	949	1604
Outreach Fund	0	507	507	1159
Premises Donation	0	400	400	0
Warm Space Fund	0	915	915	0
Total Bank Account Unrestricted/restricted funds	-352	26095	25743	30827

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out above relating to the year ending 31st December 2022 are as approved by the church meeting held on 12th February 2023

Signed:



Church Treasurer

Signed:



Church Secretary

12 February 2023

Eden Buttershaw

Annual Financial Report 01/01/22 to 22/09/22

General Receipts and Payments Account

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds to 22.09.22	Total Funds 2021
Receipts					
Grants Salary	1	0	0	0	6,325
Donations	2	519	0	519	5,135
Other Income		69	0	69	443
Balance received from previous account		439	0	439	0
Total Receipts:		1,027	0	1,027	11,903
Payments					
Team Leader salary and on costs		0	0	0	13,782
Activities		14	0	14	294
Baby Bank		0	788	788	196
Equipment		20	0	20	71
Events		841	0	841	299
Gardening Project	3	848	151	999	16,349
Children's work	4	1,019	0	1,019	0
Other Expenditure		18	0	18	125
Resources		78	0	78	25
Rent		420	0	420	520
Total Payments:		3,258	939	4,197	31,661
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		-2,231	-939	-3,170	-19,758
Balance Brought Forward				5,257	25,015
Balance Carried Forward				2,087	5,257

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 22nd September 2022

Assets	2022	2021
Tangible Fixed Assets		
Property, Fixtures and Fittings	0	0
Tangible Current Assets		
Bank and Other Cash Balances		
Bank a/c restricted	5	16
Bank a/c unrestricted		955
Cash a/c		2,071
		4,301
TOTAL		0
	2,087	5,257

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities set out above relating to the year ending 22nd are as approved by the church meeting held on 12th February 2023

Signed:

 Church Treasurer

Signed:

 Church Secretary
 12 February 2022

Notes to the Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds to 22.09.22	Total Funds 2021
1) Grants Salary				
HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	0		0	6325
	0	0	0	6325
2) Donations				
Church Donations	300	0	300	3600
General Donations	219	0	219	535
Baby Bank	0	0	0	1000
	519	0	519	5135
3) Gardening Project				
Garden Equipment	848	151	999	3277
Other Expenditure	0	0	0	1061
Team Leader Salary and on costs	0	0	0	4140
Grant returned to National Lottery	0	0	0	7871
	848	151	999	16349
4) Children's work				
Heroes	223	0	223	0
Holiday Club	796	0	796	0
	1019	0	1019	0
5) Bank Account Restricted Funds				
Baby Bank	0	16	16	0
The Message Trust	0	0	0	2977
National Lottery - Eden Gardening Project	0	0	0	16500
Total Bank Account Restricted Funds	0	16	16	19477

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Butershaw Baptist Church

On accounts for the year ended 31st Dec 2022 Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages 1 to 4

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

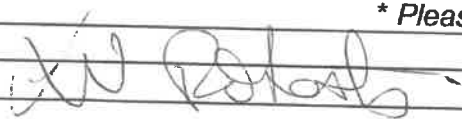
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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:



Date:

30/01/23

Name: Lynne Roberts

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