

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH TENTERDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1171047

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-01-09

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN TENTERDEN AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN GENERAL MEETING, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES; PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CHURCH FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHURCH HANDBOOK.

Activities: To help people come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to live out their faith in through: worship, prayer and Bible study. Developing people's knowledge of and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ; missionary endeavour and other outreach here and overseas; providing pastoral support for church members and others who are in need. We maintain the fabric of the Church building.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£67,803	£69,337	-	-
2024-03-31	£59,776	£71,234	-	-
2023-03-31	£59,096	£71,141	-	-
2022-03-31	£53,759	£57,784	-	-
2021-03-31	£47,341	£34,583	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Alan Smith	Chair	2020-09-24
JOHN THOMAS MCDONALD		2020-01-02
Matthew John Hopkins		2020-09-24
Matthew Malcolm James Clay		2021-09-01

Accounts

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for the year ended 31 March 2025

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At the end of the year our membership stood at 29.

4. Financial review

Unrestricted donations were £45 530 which, together with the Gift Aid claim, meant that our income from regular donations amounted to £58 817. Incoming resources from charitable activities amounted to £5267, including £4880 raised from hiring the hall to outside organisations.

Costs associated with running the Church amounted to £69 337. This included grants for missionary work totalling £6608 and international aid of £1008. Much of the former was sent to missionary organisations working abroad.

The Trustees noted that expenditure exceeded income during the year, leading to a deficit of £1534. This was expected on account of our decision to recruit and employ a new pastor, which was made in the knowledge that there would be a call on our reserves until donation income increases through a growth in membership. The Trustees were also pleased to note that donation income has increased over the year and is one of the significant reasons the deficit has reduced.

Please see the attached Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts for further details.

5 Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds equivalent to 3 months expenditure, amounting to approximately £17 250 in 2024/25. This was achieved.

6. Volunteers

The Church relies on the support of volunteers drawn from the membership and regular attendees to carry out many of the activities undertaken in the local area.

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Charity Trustees:	Matthew Clay	Matthew Hopkins
	John McDonald	Peter Smith (Chair)

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Charity No:	1171047
Address:	Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LR
Independent examiner	Paxton Independent Examiners, 6 Alfred Street, NN10 9YS
Solicitors	Edward Connor Solicitors, 10 The Point, LE16 7QU

Approved by the Trustees on 06/05/2025 and signed on their behalf by Peter Smith.

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31 March 2025

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Responsibilities and
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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Signed: Darren Warren

Date: 02/05/2025

Name: Darren Warren – Paxton Independent Examiners

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	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	681,490	681,490
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	681,490	681,490
Current assets		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	9,898	8,244
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	87,300	90,491
<i>Total current assets</i>	97,199	98,735
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	97,199	98,735
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	778,689	780,225
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
Total net assets or liabilities	778,689	780,225
Funds of the charity:		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	778,689	780,225
Revaluation reserve	0	0
Total charity funds	778,689	780,225

Signed by one or two trustees
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

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Month = March 2025

<u>Fund name</u>	<u>Fund balances brought forward</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Gains and losses</u>	<u>Fund balances carried forward</u>
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Totals	780,225	67,802	-69,338	0	0	778,689

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Donations - regular	36,754	0	0	36,754	29,510
Donations - other	8,776	0	0	8,776	13,062
Gift aid tax claimed	13,287	0	0	13,287	11,034
	58,817	0	0	58,817	53,606
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Room Hire	4,880	0	0	4,880	1,604
Book sales	387	0	0	387	454
Other income	81	0	0	81	0
	5,348	0	0	5,348	2,058
S04 Investments					
Interest received	3,638	0	0	3,638	4,112
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S09 Charitable activities					
GBM	4,008	0	0	4,008	4,108
EMI Int UK	1,200	0	0	1,200	1,200
Asia Link	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,200
Sat 7	200	0	0	200	100
Other missionary support	200	0	0	200	350
International support	1,008	0	0	1,008	0
TBC assistance	180	0	0	180	17
Salaries and wages	29,365	0	0	29,365	26,932
PAYE/Employer NI	6,414	0	0	6,414	6,156
Pastor Pension	3,427	0	0	3,427	3,176
Pastor expenses	87	0	0	87	156
Pastor travel/subsistence	26	0	0	26	37
Rent for Church Manse	8,400	0	0	8,400	8,300
Conference expenses	0	0	0	0	245
Visiting speaker costs	415	0	0	415	260
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basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed: Darren Warren

Date: 24/04/2024

Name: Darren Warren – Paxton Independent Examiners

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

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61a High Street South

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Section B**Disclosure**

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

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	681,490	681,490
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	681,490	681,490
Current assets		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	8,244	9,469
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	90,491	100,722
<i>Total current assets</i>	98,735	110,191
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	98,735	110,191
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	780,225	791,681
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
Total net assets or liabilities	780,225	791,681
Funds of the charity:		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	780,225	791,681
Revaluation reserve	0	0
Total charity funds	780,225	791,681

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

Month = March 2024

<u>Fund name</u>	<u>Fund balances brought forward</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Gains and losses</u>	<u>Fund balances carried forward</u>
General fund	791,681	59,776	-71,232	0	0	780,225
Totals	791,681	59,776	-71,232	0	0	780,225

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Donations and legacies					
Donations - regular	29,510	0	0	29,510	35,939
Donations - other	13,062	0	0	13,062	9,275
Gift aid tax claimed	11,034	0	0	11,034	9,759
	53,606	0	0	53,606	54,973
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Room Hire	1,604	0	0	1,604	1,125
Book sales	454	0	0	454	263
Other income	0	0	0	0	1,102
	2,058	0	0	2,058	2,490
S03 Other trading activities					
	0	0	0	0	0
S04 Investments					
Interest received	4,112	0	0	4,112	1,633
	4,112	0	0	4,112	1,633
S05 Separate material item of income					
	0	0	0	0	0
S06 Other (inc.)					
	0	0	0	0	0
S08 Raising funds					
	0	0	0	0	0
S09 Charitable activities					
GBM	4,108	0	0	4,108	4,108
EMI Int UK	1,200	0	0	1,200	1,200
Asia Link	1,200	0	0	1,200	2,600
People International	0	0	0	0	500
Sat 7	100	0	0	100	0
Other missionary support	350	0	0	350	725
International support	0	0	0	0	4,779
TBC assistance	17	0	0	17	33
Salaries and wages	26,932	0	0	26,932	24,622
PAYE/Employer NI	6,156	0	0	6,156	5,634
Pastor Pension	3,176	0	0	3,176	2,931
Pastor expenses	156	0	0	156	394

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2024

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Pastor travel/subsistence	37	0	0	37	80
Rent for Church Manse	8,300	0	0	8,300	10,200
Conference expenses	245	0	0	245	0
Visiting speaker costs	260	0	0	260	550
Youth work costs	328	0	0	328	520
Evangelism - events	0	0	0	0	48
Evangelism - publicity	373	0	0	373	492
Evangelism - literature	193	0	0	193	221
Printing & stationery	257	0	0	257	100
Bookstall purchases	290	0	0	290	552
Flowers	58	0	0	58	120
Catering	512	0	0	512	588
Anniversary Expenses	181	0	0	181	0
Fire alarm maintenance	985	0	0	985	803
IT, audio visual	31	0	0	31	32
Music, licences	293	0	0	293	536
FIEC Subscription	1,166	0	0	1,166	1,002
Gas	863	0	0	863	914
Electricity	1,401	0	0	1,401	1,327
Water	68	0	0	68	63
Telephone, internet	401	0	0	401	321
Insurance	1,600	0	0	1,600	1,285
Other costs	963	0	0	963	701
Cleaning	1,352	0	0	1,352	1,161
Repairs & maintenance	5,945	0	0	5,945	23
Furniture & equipment	13	0	0	13	249
Audit & accountancy	180	0	0	180	180
Safeguarding	132	0	0	132	186
Paxton software support	619	0	0	619	568
Paxton Payroll	403	0	0	403	403
Church Suite admin	390	0	0	390	390
	71,234	0	0	71,234	71,141
S10 Separate material item of expense					
	0	0	0	0	0
S11 Other (exp.)					
	0	0	0	0	0
S14 Net gains/(losses) on investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
S16 Extraordinary items					
	0	0	0	0	0
S17 Transfers between funds					

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2024		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
		0	0	0	0	0
	S18 Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets					
		0	0	0	0	0
	S19 Other gains/(losses)					
		0	0	0	0	0

Accounts

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH TENTERDEN

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for the year ended 31 March 2023

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With the lifting of the remaining restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic, we were pleased to be able to resume our Sunday services and mid-week meetings in our building and in homes during the year.

During 2022 we began an initiative to share the good news of the Gospel in the town of Tenterden: once a week we set up a book table in the High Street with a view to offering passers-by literature and information about the Church and to engage in conversation with them. More recently our Pastor, Matthew Clay, has started a daytime, mid-week meeting for those wishing to ask questions and discuss issues relating to the Christian life.

As part of our wish to offer pastoral care for our members and those connected to the Church, the Elders and other helpers visited many of the sick, elderly and needy folk on a more organised basis than in previous years.

Following the devastating floods in Pakistan in 2022 and the earthquakes in Turkey/Syria we made a special appeal for funds to support humanitarian efforts and were pleased to send a total of almost £5000 via Barnabas Aid. We also raised more than £1000 for Morning Star Children's Centre in South Africa by means of a cake and craft sale.

At the end of the year our membership stood at 33 (including 1 Associate Member).

4. Financial review

Unrestricted donations were £45,214 which, together with the Gift Aid claim, meant that our income from regular donations amounted to £54,973. Incoming resources from charitable activities amounted to £2,490, including £1,125 raised from hiring the hall to outside organisations.

Costs associated with running the Church amounted to £71,141. This included grants for missionary work totalling £725 and international aid of £4,779. Much of the former was sent to missionary organisations working abroad.

The Trustees noted that expenditure exceeded income during the year, leading to a deficit of £12,045. This was expected on account of our decision to recruit and employ a new pastor, which was made in the knowledge that in the short-term there would be a call on our reserves until donation income increases through a growth in membership.

Please see the attached Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts for further details.

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The Trustees aim to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds equivalent to 3 months expenditure, amounting to approximately £14 500 in 2021/22. This was achieved.

6. Volunteers

The Church relies on the support of volunteers drawn from the membership and regular attendees to carry out many of the activities undertaken in the local area.

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During the year the Church opened an account with Christian Safeguarding Services and reviewed its safeguarding policy in January 2023. A training session was held in March and DBS checks instigated where appropriate.

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The Church has relevant policies in place in regard to GDPR. A copy of our Privacy Notice can be found on our Church Website. Our database is held within password protected software called "ChurchSuite", a cloud-hosted GDPR compliant system and personal data is only included with specific consent.

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Charity Trustees:	Matthew Clay	Matthew Hopkins
	John McDonald	Peter Smith (Chair)
	Jim Wiles	

10. Administrative information

Charity No:	1171047
Address:	Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LR
Independent examiner	Paxton Independent Examiners, 61a High Street South, Rushden, NN10 0RA
Solicitors	Edward Connor Solicitors, 10 The Point, LE16 7QU

Approved by the Trustees on 17/05/2023 and signed on their behalf by Peter Smith.

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1171047

Set out on pages

One to Eight

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

Signed: Darren Warren

Date: 10/05/2023

Name: Darren Warren – Paxton Independent Examiners

Relevant professional
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Address:

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Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
B01 Intangible assets					
	0	0	0	0	0
B02 Tangible assets					
Building	681,490	0	0	681,490	681,490
	681,490	0	0	681,490	681,490
B03 Heritage assets					
	0	0	0	0	0
B04 Investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
B06 Stocks					
	0	0	0	0	0
B07 Debtors					
Recoverable Gift Aid	9,469	0	0	9,469	9,039
	9,469	0	0	9,469	9,039
B08 Investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
B09 Cash at bank and in hand					
Bank current account	12,579	0	0	12,579	16,687
Bank deposit account	88,143	0	0	88,143	96,510
	100,722	0	0	100,722	113,197
B11 Creditors (due within one year)					
	0	0	0	0	0
B14 Creditors (due after one year)					
	0	0	0	0	0
B15 Provisions for liabilities					

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
	0	0	0	0	0
B17 Endowment funds					
	0	0	0	0	0
B18 Restricted income funds					
	0	0	0	0	0
B19 Unrestricted funds					
Retained surplus	791,681	0	0	791,681	803,726
	791,681	0	0	791,681	803,726
B20 Revaluation reserve					
	0	0	0	0	0

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Donations and legacies					
Donations - regular	35,939	0	0	35,939	42,425
Donations - other	9,275	0	0	9,275	659
Gift aid tax claimed	9,759	0	0	9,759	9,270
	54,973	0	0	54,973	52,354
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Room Hire	1,125	0	0	1,125	746
Book sales	263	0	0	263	418
Other income	1,102	0	0	1,102	200
	2,490	0	0	2,490	1,364
S03 Other trading activities					
	0	0	0	0	0
S04 Investments					
Interest received	1,633	0	0	1,633	43
	1,633	0	0	1,633	43
S05 Separate material item of income					
	0	0	0	0	0
S06 Other (inc.)					
	0	0	0	0	0
S08 Raising funds					
	0	0	0	0	0
S09 Charitable activities					
GBM	4,108	0	0	4,108	4,300
EMI Int UK	1,200	0	0	1,200	1,200
Asia Link	2,600	0	0	2,600	861
People International	500	0	0	500	1,000
Sat 7	0	0	0	0	100
Other missionary support	725	0	0	725	200
FIEC Training Fund	0	0	0	0	250
International support	4,779	0	0	4,779	5,750
TBC assistance	33	0	0	33	794
Salaries and wages	24,622	0	0	24,622	14,061
PAYE/Employer NI	5,634	0	0	5,634	2,800
Pastor Pension	2,931	0	0	2,931	1,659

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Pastor expenses	394	0	0	394	396
Pastor travel/subsistence	80	0	0	80	126
Pastor starting costs	0	0	0	0	3,082
Rent for Church Manse	10,200	0	0	10,200	5,600
Conference expenses	0	0	0	0	100
Visiting speaker costs	550	0	0	550	1,337
Youth work costs	520	0	0	520	229
Evangelism - events	48	0	0	48	0
Evangelism - publicity	492	0	0	492	499
Evangelism - literature	221	0	0	221	12
Printing & stationery	100	0	0	100	195
Bookstall purchases	552	0	0	552	410
Home Group study guides	0	0	0	0	16
Flowers	120	0	0	120	137
Catering	588	0	0	588	502
Fire alarm maintenance	803	0	0	803	817
IT, audio visual	32	0	0	32	0
Music, licences	536	0	0	536	307
FIEC Subscription	1,002	0	0	1,002	972
Gas	914	0	0	914	799
Electricity	1,327	0	0	1,327	539
Water	63	0	0	63	32
Telephone, internet	321	0	0	321	439
Insurance	1,285	0	0	1,285	1,145
Other costs	701	0	0	701	411
Cleaning	1,161	0	0	1,161	695
Repairs & maintenance	23	0	0	23	3,361
Furniture & equipment	249	0	0	249	1,233
Audit & accountancy	180	0	0	180	180
Safeguarding	186	0	0	186	37
Paxton software support	568	0	0	568	528
Paxton Payroll	403	0	0	403	283
Church Suite admin	390	0	0	390	390
	71,141	0	0	71,141	57,784
S10 Separate material item of expense					
	0	0	0	0	0
S11 Other (exp.)					
	0	0	0	0	0
S14 Net gains/(losses) on investments					
	0	0	0	0	0
S16 Extraordinary items					
	0	0	0	0	0

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2023

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S17 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
S18 Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
S19 Other gains/(losses)	0	0	0	0	0

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

Month = March 2023

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General fund	803,726	59,095	-71,140	0	0	791,681
Totals	803,726	59,095	-71,140	0	0	791,681

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Charity Trustees:	Oliver Burgess	John McDonald
	Matthew Clay	Peter Smith (Chair)
	Matthew Hopkins	Jim Wiles

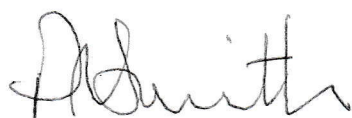
10. Administrative information

Charity No:	1171047
Address:	Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LR
Independent examiner	Paxton Independent Examiners 6 Alfred Street, Rushden, NN10 9YS
Solicitors	Edward Connor Solicitors 10 The Point, Market Harborough, LE16 7QU

11. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

- 11.1 Charity Commission SOFA Report
- 11.2 Charity Commission Balance Sheet
- 11.3 Charity Commission Movement of Funds Report
- 11.4 Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 5 April 2022 and signed on their behalf by Peter Smith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Smith', written in a cursive style.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1171047

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Signed: Darren Warren

Date: 20/4/2022

Name: Darren Warren – Paxton Independent Examiners

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

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Address: 61a High Street South

Rushden
Northants, NN10 0RA

Section B**Disclosure**

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

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

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Donations and legacies					
Donations - regular	42,425	0	0	42,425	34,020
Donations - other	659	0	0	659	3,880
Gift aid tax claimed	9,270	0	0	9,270	8,750
	52,354	0	0	52,354	46,650
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Room Hire	746	0	0	746	48
Book sales	418	0	0	418	125
Other income	200	0	0	200	397
	1,364	0	0	1,364	570
S03 Other trading activities					
	0	0	0	0	0
S04 Investments					
Interest received	43	0	0	43	121
	43	0	0	43	121
S05 Separate material item of income					
	0	0	0	0	0
S06 Other (inc.)					
	0	0	0	0	0
S08 Raising funds					
	0	0	0	0	0
S09 Charitable activities					
GBM	4,300	0	0	4,300	4,510
EMI Int UK	1,200	0	0	1,200	1,200
Asia Link	861	0	0	861	1,000
People International	1,000	0	0	1,000	2,000
Sat 7	100	0	0	100	2,000
Other missionary support	200	0	0	200	2,100
FIEC Training Fund	250	0	0	250	500
International support	5,750	0	0	5,750	11,250
TBC assistance	794	0	0	794	787
Salaries and wages	14,061	0	0	14,061	0
PAYE/Employer NI	2,800	0	0	2,800	0
Pastor Pension	1,659	0	0	1,659	0

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Pastor expenses	396	0	0	396	0
Pastor travel/subsistence	126	0	0	126	0
Pastor starting costs	3,082	0	0	3,082	0
Rent for Church Manse	5,600	0	0	5,600	0
Conference expenses	100	0	0	100	10
Visiting speaker costs	1,337	0	0	1,337	785
Youth work costs	229	0	0	229	32
Evangelism - publicity	499	0	0	499	443
Evangelism - literature	12	0	0	12	0
Printing & stationery	195	0	0	195	47
Bookstall purchases	410	0	0	410	803
Home Group study guides	16	0	0	16	57
Flowers	137	0	0	137	0
Catering	502	0	0	502	0
Fire alarm maintenance	817	0	0	817	739
IT, audio visual	0	0	0	0	666
Music, licences	307	0	0	307	464
FIEC Subscription	972	0	0	972	567
Gas	799	0	0	799	281
Electricity	539	0	0	539	428
Water	32	0	0	32	57
Telephone, internet	439	0	0	439	193
Insurance	1,145	0	0	1,145	1,078
Other costs	411	0	0	411	383
Cleaning	695	0	0	695	360
Repairs & maintenance	3,361	0	0	3,361	130
Health & Safety	0	0	0	0	35
Furniture & equipment	1,233	0	0	1,233	0
Audit & accountancy	180	0	0	180	540
Other fees	0	0	0	0	35
Safeguarding	37	0	0	37	129
Paxton software support	528	0	0	528	576
Paxton Payroll	283	0	0	283	0
Church Suite admin	390	0	0	390	398
	57,784	0	0	57,784	34,583

S10 Separate material item of expense

0	0	0	0	0
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S11 Other (exp.)

0	0	0	0	0
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S14 Net gains/(losses) on investments

0	0	0	0	0
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S16 Extraordinary items

0	0	0	0	0
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Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S17 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
S18 Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0
S19 Other gains/(losses)	0	0	0	0	0

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	681,490	681,490
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	681,490	681,490
Current assets		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	9,039	8,515
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	113,197	117,745
<i>Total current assets</i>	122,236	126,260
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	122,236	126,260
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	803,726	807,750
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
Total net assets or liabilities	803,726	807,750
Funds of the charity:		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	803,726	807,750
Revaluation reserve	0	0
Total charity funds	803,726	807,750

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	52,353	0	0	52,353	46,650
Charitable activities	1,364	0	0	1,364	569
Other trading activities	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	43	0	0	43	121
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	53,759	0	0	53,759	47,341
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	57,784	0	0	57,784	34,583
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	57,784	0	0	57,784	34,583
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	-4,024	0	0	-4,024	12,757
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)	-4,024	0	0	-4,024	12,757
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	-4,024	0	0	-4,024	12,757
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	807,750	0	0	807,750	
Total funds carried forward	803,726	0	0	803,726	

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

Year to 31/03/2022

<u>Fund name</u>	<u>Fund balances brought forward</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Gains and losses</u>	<u>Fund balances carried forward</u>
General fund	807,750	53,759	-57,784	0	0	803,726
Totals	807,750	53,759	-57,784	0	0	803,726

Accounts

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH TENTERDEN
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees of Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

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1. Aims and purposes

Our aim and purpose as a church is to see God's kingdom grow as families, friends and communities are transformed by Jesus Christ.

2. Objectives and activities

The main objects of the charity are to promote the worship of God and the preaching of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ both locally and internationally.

When planning our activities for the year we have considered the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to show people how to come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to live out their faith in the local community through:

- Worship, prayer and Bible study; learning about the gospel; developing people's knowledge of and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ;
- Supporting missionary endeavour and other outreach here and overseas;
- Providing pastoral support for Church members and others who are in need.

To facilitate the work it is essential we maintain the fabric of the Church building.

3. Achievements and performance

It has always been the wish of the Trustees to hold services and a range of other activities during the week, and over the course of the year, that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. Our Sunday morning service is family-friendly and intended to facilitate worship in an accessible way, whereas our evening meeting is less formal and provides more opportunity for people to participate in the time together. There is no evening service on the second Sunday of each month as we provide opportunity for people to engage with their friends and family. There are mid-week meetings for Bible study and prayer, many of which are held in people's homes, which are useful means of spiritual growth.

However, with the lockdowns and other restrictions put in place as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic, almost all our regular meetings at the church building had to be suspended. We were able to continue many of our meetings via the internet using the Zoom video conferencing platform. This extended to our Sunday morning service and our regular mid-week meetings. In addition, various social events were also held on Zoom to allow church members and attendees to spend time together despite the lockdowns. We look forward to resuming our Friday Family Fun Nights, our twice monthly coffee morning for older people in Tenterden and other events we held to reach out to local people once restrictions are lifted. Also, due to the restrictions we also were obliged to close our Church hall to outside organisations, including Caring All Together Across Romney Marsh (CARM).

We resumed use of our building for a number of Sunday mornings when restrictions were eased during the summer, but when infection rates began increasing exponentially in Kent, we reverted to meeting virtually via Zoom.

As part of our wish to offer pastoral care for our members and those connected to the Church, the Elders and other helpers visited many of the sick, elderly and needy folk on a more organised basis than in previous years. Given the impact of the lockdowns on the vulnerable people within the Church, we gave particular attention to those living alone.

Helping those in need abroad, who suffer as a result of war or natural disasters is a demonstration of our faith and appeals were made for funds to assist people in Lebanon following the explosion in Beirut and, later in the year, our Harvest Appeal raised funds for an old people's home in India and London City Mission. We also support a number of missionaries in various parts of the world, including a Bible college in Kazan, Tatarstan.

In terms of membership, 2020/21 was a period of stabilisation following the difficult events of the previous year and at the end of the year our membership stood at 36 (including 3 Associate Members). We noted with sadness the passing of Gwen Honeysett, widow of the first pastor of the Church – Bernard Honeysett.

In September 2020 the Church appointed 3 men to join the Eldership and 2 men as deacons, and in November we agreed unanimously to amend the Constitution to allow the possibility of proxy voting.

4. Financial review

Unrestricted donations were £37 900 which, together with the Gift Aid claim, meant that our income from regular donations amounted to £46 650. Incoming resources from charitable activities amounted to £569, including £48 raised from hiring the hall to outside organisations.

Costs associated with running the Church amounted to £34 583. This included grants for missionary work totalling £13 310 and international aid of £11 250. Much of the former was sent to missionary organisations working abroad but £500 was given to the Fellowship of Independent Churches (FIEC) to support the training of Christian workers in the UK.

Please see the accounts for further details.

5 Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds equivalent to 3 months expenditure, amounting to approximately £20 000 in 2020/21. This was achieved.

6. Volunteers

The Church relies on the support of volunteers drawn from the membership and regular attendees to carry out many of the activities undertaken in the local area.

7. Safeguarding

The Church last reviewed its safeguarding policy in September 2019. In the current year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Church has not held meetings specifically for children or the coffee morning for seniors. As and when we are able to meet normally in our building DBS checks, training and policy will all be reviewed.

8. General Data Protection Regulations

The Church's Privacy Policy was posted on the Church website in March 2018 and all the relevant policies were finished in 2019. These will be updated during 2021. The training of leaders of small groups has been suspended as no groups have met physically for some time, due to Covid 19. This should resume later this year and some training will be provided via Zoom.

9. Structure, governance and management

Trinity Baptist Church was founded in 1967. On 19 July 1976 an Assignment and Declaration of Trust was established in relation to the premises where the Church currently meets. The trustees were named officers of the Church and the Grace Baptist Trust Corporation. At a formally constituted meeting of members on 25 October 2012, the Church adopted a constitution governing the charitable assets of the Church from a legal perspective in accordance with the requirements of charity law. The trustees of this charity were the minister of the Church, the other elders and the deacons. New rules were adopted at the same time. In 2016/17 the Church adopted a new Constitution and Handbook for the purposes of obtaining registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Charity Commission confirmed the new charitable status on 9 January 2017 (Registered charity number 1171047). The trustees of the charity were, again, the minister, the other elders and the deacons. Since as a CIO the Church was able to own property, the ownership of building and land were transferred to the CIO, thus ending the 1976 Trust deed.

As mentioned in section 3, 5 officers were appointed to form a new body of trustees

Charity Trustees:

Oliver Burgess
Gerald Heddell
Matthew Hopkins
John McDonald
Peter Smith (Chair)
Jim Wiles

10. Administrative information

Charity No: 1171047

Address: Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LR

Independent examiner Paxton Independent Examiners
6 Alfred Street, Rushden, NN10 9YS

Solicitors Edward Connor Solicitors
10 The Point, Market Harborough, LE16 7QU

Approved by the Trustees on 6 April 2021 and signed on their behalf by Peter Smith.

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A: Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Trinity Baptist Church, Tenterden

On accounts for the
year ended

31/03/2021

Charity number

1171047

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2019

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

Signed:

Darren Warren
Darren Warren (Apr 28, 2021 15:50 GMT+1)

Date:

Apr 28, 2021

Name:

Darren Warren

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

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Address:

Paxton Independent Examiners
6 Alfred Street
Rushden
NN10 9YS

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	46,650	0	0	46,650	72,241
Charitable activities	569	0	0	569	10,867
Other trading activities	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	121	0	0	121	604
Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	47,341	0	0	47,341	83,711
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	34,583	0	0	34,583	72,973
Separate material item of expense	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34,583	0	0	34,583	72,973
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	12,757	0	0	12,757	10,739
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)	12,757	0	0	12,757	10,739
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	12,757	0	0	12,757	10,739
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	794,993	0	0	794,993	
Total funds carried forward	807,750	0	0	807,750	

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Intangible assets	0	0
Tangible assets	681,490	681,490
Heritage assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	681,490	681,490
Current assets		
Stocks	0	0
Debtors	8,515	13,018
Investments	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	117,745	100,485
<i>Total current assets</i>	126,260	113,503
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	126,260	113,503
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	807,750	794,993
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for liabilities	0	0
Total net assets or liabilities	807,750	794,993
Funds of the charity:		
Endowment funds	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	807,750	794,993
Revaluation reserve	0	0
Total charity funds	807,750	794,993

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
 PAsmith (Apr 27, 2021 15:52 GMT+1)	PASmith	Apr 27, 2021

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
S01 Donations and legacies					
Donations - regular	34,020	0	0	34,020	57,430
Donations - other	3,880	0	0	3,880	567
Gift aid tax claimed	8,750	0	0	8,750	14,244
	46,650	0	0	46,650	72,241
S02 Charitable activities (inc.)					
Room Hire	48	0	0	48	1,408
Book sales	125	0	0	125	1,134
Other income	397	0	0	397	8,325
	570	0	0	570	10,867
S04 Investments					
Interest received	121	0	0	121	604
	121	0	0	121	604
S09 Charitable activities					
GBM	4,510	0	0	4,510	4,000
EMI Int UK	1,200	0	0	1,200	1,200
Asia Link	1,000	0	0	1,000	1,650
Apollos Trust	0	0	0	0	890
People International	2,000	0	0	2,000	4,000
Sat 7	2,000	0	0	2,000	0
Other missionary support	2,100	0	0	2,100	1,252
FIEC Training Fund	500	0	0	500	1,000
International support	11,250	0	0	11,250	10,225
TBC assistance	787	0	0	787	200
Salaries and wages	0	0	0	0	18,271
PAYE/Employer NI	0	0	0	0	5,078
Pastor expenses	0	0	0	0	515
Pastor travel/subsistence	0	0	0	0	1,065
Conference expenses	10	0	0	10	45
Training costs	0	0	0	0	200
Visiting speaker costs	785	0	0	785	1,812
Youth work costs	32	0	0	32	1,093
Evangelism - events	0	0	0	0	-136
Evangelism - publicity	443	0	0	443	1,724
Evangelism - literature	0	0	0	0	121
Printing & stationery	47	0	0	47	556
Bookstall purchases	803	0	0	803	1,083
Home Group study guides	57	0	0	57	224
Flowers	0	0	0	0	351
Catering	0	0	0	0	991
Anniversary Expenses	0	0	0	0	2,680
Fire alarm maintenance	739	0	0	739	469
IT, audio visual	666	0	0	666	1,538
Music, licences	464	0	0	464	236
FIEC Subscription	567	0	0	567	1,260
Gas	281	0	0	281	1,020

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

March 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Year Total</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Electricity	428	0	0	428	698
Water	57	0	0	57	108
Telephone, internet	193	0	0	193	251
Insurance	1,078	0	0	1,078	1,009
Other costs	383	0	0	383	1,648
Cleaning	360	0	0	360	1,614
Repairs & maintenance	130	0	0	130	476
Health & Safety	35	0	0	35	120
Furniture & equipment	0	0	0	0	544
Audit & accountancy	540	0	0	540	1,441
Other fees	35	0	0	35	319
Safeguarding	129	0	0	129	110
Paxton software support	576	0	0	576	0
Church Suite admin	398	0	0	398	0
Bank charges	0	0	0	0	20
	34,583	0	0	34,583	72,971

Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden

Month = March 2021

<u>Fund name</u>	<u>Fund balances brought forward</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Gains and losses</u>	<u>Fund balances carried forward</u>
General fund	794,993	47,341	-34,583	0	0	807,750
Missions fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refurbishment fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	794,993	47,341	-34,583	0	0	807,750