

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH TENTERDEN
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees of Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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 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.

With the lifting of some of the restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic, we were pleased to be able to re-start our Sunday services and mid-week meetings in our building and in homes during the year. We resumed CAMEO, our twice monthly coffee morning for older people in Tenterden in January and our Friday Family Fun Night in February. We also welcomed back other organisations, including Caring All Together Across Romney Marsh (CARM) who hire our hall.

Following a second recruitment exercise in the early part of the year, we were pleased to welcome Matthew Clay as our new Pastor in September. He and his young family are in rented accommodation whilst they look for a house to buy.

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 and those who for personal reasons felt unable to rejoin us when the building was reopened.

In response to the war in Ukraine in March we made a special appeal for funds to support humanitarian efforts and were pleased to send £5750 to the Slavic Gospel Association who have extensive contacts in Ukraine.

At the end of the year our membership stood at 35 (including 1 Associate Member).

4. Financial review

Unrestricted donations were £43 084 which, together with the Gift Aid claim, meant that our income from regular donations amounted to £52 354. Incoming resources from charitable activities amounted to £1364, including £746 raised from hiring the hall to outside organisations.

Costs associated with running the Church amounted to £57 784. This included grants for missionary work totalling £7661 and international aid of £5750. 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 £4023. 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.

5 Reserves policy

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.

7. Safeguarding

During the year the Church opened an account with Christian Safeguarding Services and reviewed its safeguarding policy in January 2022. A training session was held in March and DBS checks instigated where appropriate.

8. General Data Protection Regulations

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.

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.

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

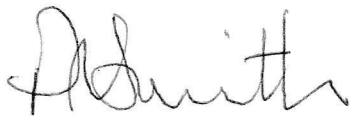
10. Administrative information

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

Set out on pages

One to Six below

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
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Section B**Disclosure**

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

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

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

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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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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

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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	9,039	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	

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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