

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH TENTERDEN

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees of Trinity Baptist Church Tenterden present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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.

We continue 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. Our mid-week meeting continues to provide a forum 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.

At the end of the year our membership stood at 27 (including 1 Associate Member).

4. Financial review

Unrestricted donations were £45,272 which, together with the Gift Aid claim, meant that our income from regular donations amounted to £53,606. Incoming resources from charitable activities amounted to £2,058, including £1,604 raised from hiring the hall to outside organisations. Interest received amounted to £4,112.

Costs associated with running the Church amounted to £71,232. This included grants for missionary work totalling £6,958, most of which was sent to missionary organisations working abroad.

The Trustees noted that expenditure exceeded income during the year, leading to a deficit of £11,456. 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.

5 Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds equivalent to 3 months expenditure, amounting to approximately £14 500 in 2023/24. 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

Last year the Church opened an account with Christian Safeguarding Services and reviewed its safeguarding policy in January 2024. A training session is planned for April 2024 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:	Matthew Clay	Matthew Hopkins
	John McDonald	Peter Smith (Chair)

10. Administrative information

Charity No: 1171047
Address: Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LR
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Approved by the Trustees on 09/07/2024 and signed on their behalf by Peter Smith.

11. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

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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 2024

Charity no

1171047

Set out on pages

One to Seven

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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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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

	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

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	<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

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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					

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	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