

Six Ways Erdington Baptist Church Annual Report 2023

In 2023 we have experienced all sorts of encouragements, but at the same time there have been challenges!

Worship we continue to gather on Sundays at 10.30 for our main time together. We are blessed with a beautiful mix of people across generations, race, culture and outlook. It is so encouraging to see new people joining us and feeling that it is a welcoming, nourishing place to be. We have seen 4 people baptised as believers and had many blessed times together.

Prayer Meetings – The Monday Prayer Meeting continues to be a spiritual engine room for our church. We also have a fortnightly Women's Prayer Meeting on Zoom and Tuesday Prayers has continued its gentle ministry, providing a quiet space for prayer.

Bible Study – the weekly Wednesday evening Bible Study on Zoom has by and large been less well attended and our Wednesday afternoon Bible Study (plus lunch), is a constant place of study and fellowship, providing a nourishing service for many in our church.

Children and Young People – we are blessed with so many amazing children and young people attending and participating in our worship. Our creche and junior church are staffed by a committed and gifted team of volunteers. Sadly we have still not been able to recruit a paid worker to move this work forward and to restart and develop our midweek youth group and homework club. We are still working on it and praying about it!

Six Ways Mini Stars – our stay and play toddler group has lots and lots of parents, carers and children. It is overflowing and amazing! Clearly, Diane, Yvonne and the team are doing a wonderful job!

Girls' Brigade – continues to flourish providing its distinctly Christian support, activity and learning. It has been great to have Girls' Brigade taking part in our all age services on a regular basis.

CAMEO – our wonderful group for active retired people is thriving and helping its members to thrive. Big thanks to Gloria, Angela, Judith and Caroline for making things happen and moving things forward.

ESOL – our English language lessons provide not only a safe and accessible space in which newcomers can learn English, but a place for people seeking to establish themselves in the UK to find hospitality. Some weeks we have as many as 100 people attending. It is beautiful to see and is a testimony to the welcome and hard work of Isabel, Frances, Hylton, Silas and the team.

Place of Welcome – our Wednesday drop-in continues to provide informal

support and social contact for lots of people in our church and community. Previously I have described it as quiet. However, when the dominoes get going this is not the case!

Job Club – busy busy busy with lots of people accessing help with looking for work but also help with a whole range of issues. Big thanks to Julia for her great expert work in supporting people.

Safe Families – we have a number of people in the church who volunteer with this Christian family support project, another excellent example of being salt and light in the community. And since the early summer, Safe Families have had their Birmingham office base here with us.

CTE- we remain at the heart of Churches Together in Erdington and it is pleasing to see the great spirit of working together that there is in this community, with more churches getting involved than ever before!

Castle Vale Baptist Church –Pastor Mark Green and his team are seeing new people coming and joining them for worship and are moving forward in terms of their involvement in the community.

At the close of 2023 we were a church comprised of 110 members. We have seen some of our members pass away. We have also said good bye to some people who have moved away. In this time also there have been some challenges with the fall-out from the Baptist Union consultation on same-sex marriage.

We carry on. We are called to do so, to not give up the habit of meeting together (Hebrews 10:25) and to do this in unity: Jesus prays that we will be one (John 17:20-23):-

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

And my prayer is that we will continue as one, to play our part in letting the world know that Jesus came from God the Father and that the Father loves us!

God bless.

Gerard

March 2024

SIX WAYS ERDINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2023

GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Note</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Weekly offerings	2	52,422.83	52,729.41
Donations and other income	2	14,898.60	2,991.98
Income tax recovered on gifts	3	7,334.65	11,578.08
Investment income	4	252.96	131.63
Rents & contributions -use of premises	5	24,434.42	21,864.95
<u>Raised for other causes</u>	6	<u>3,469.57</u>	<u>4,074.74</u>
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>102,813.03</u>	<u>92,970.79</u>
<u>Home Mission grant for Castle Vale BC</u>	7	<u>19,233.00</u>	<u>19,754.04</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>122,046.03</u>	<u>112,724.83</u>
<i>Payments</i>			
Ministry	8	36,701.56	36,107.37
Mission	9	14,688.34	14,016.25
Upkeep of church premises	10	39,098.70	25,331.03
Administration	11	10,229.98	11,265.44
<u>Sub Total</u>		<u>100,698.58</u>	<u>86,720.09</u>
<u>Castle Vale Baptist Church</u>	12	<u>20,830.20</u>	<u>19,248.21</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>121,528.78</u>	<u>105,968.30</u>
<i>Surplus (deficit) for the year</i>		517.25	6,756.53
<u>Balance brought forward</u>		<u>50,237.45</u>	<u>43,480.92</u>
<u>Balance carried forward</u>		<u>50,754.70</u>	<u>50,237.45</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

<u>Bank and other cash balances</u>		<u>50,754.70</u>
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REPRESENTING BALANCE ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

General account		41,817.01
Petty Cash	13	50.00
Other Monetary Assets		
Held for investment purposes	14	8,887.69
or <u>for Church's own use</u>		
 Non- Monetary Assets	15	

LIABILITIES

<u>Current</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0.00</u>
 <u>Long-term loans</u>	 <u>17</u>	 <u>0.00</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

2	Donations and other income	2023	2022		
a	Weekly offerings	52,422.88	52,329.41		
b	Donations – General	1,910.00	445.50		
c	Legacies	0.00	0.00		
d	Grants	8,561.25	0.00		
e	Magazine	405.80	383.00		
f	Church-based activities	4,021.55	993.31		
g	Refunds	0.00	1,170.17		
		<u>65,411.48</u>	<u>55,321.39</u>		
3	Income Tax recovered on gifts	2023	2022		
		<u>7,334.65</u>	<u>11,578.08</u>		
4	Investment income:	2023	2022		
	Heart of England Baptist Assoc.	252.96	131.63		
5	Lettings – use of premises	2023	2022		
		<u>24,434.42</u>	<u>21,864.95</u>		
6	Other causes				
	Special Collections	2023	2022		
		Raised	Given	Raised	Given
	Dementia UK	145.22	145.22	0.00	0.00
	Erdington Foodbank	1,069.00	1,069.00	10.00	10.00
	Christian Aid	1,043.70	1,043.70	801.30	801.30
	BMS World Mission	586.94	586.94	2,392.87	2,392.87
	Restore	379.71	379.71	0.00	0.00
	Safe Families	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
	Minister’s Birthday	225.00	225.00	0.00	0.00
	Tear Fund	0.00	0.00	870.57	807.57
		3,469.57	3,469.57	4,074.74	4,074.74

7 Home Mission Grant for Castle Vale Baptist Church

	2023	2022
Baptist Union & HEBA	15,669.00	19,754.04
<u>Donation</u>	<u>3,564.00</u>	
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8 Ministry:

	2023	2022
Minister's stipend	29,000.04	26,750.04
Pension contribution	3,613.44	4,067.27
Pension Fund Deficit	12.00	2,193.36
Pulpit supplies	100.00	350.00
Manse costs	3,976.08	2,746.70
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9 Mission:

	2023	2022
Given to other causes (per note 6)	3,469.57	4,074.74
Junior Church	216.48	37.54
Youth Worker	0.00	364.13
BMS World Mission	3,999.96	3,900.00
Home Mission Fund	3,999.96	3,900.00
Northern Baptist College	350.00	350.00
Fellowship Fund	1,761.68	1,271.00
Ministry & Mission Literature	292.44	58.84
<u>Conferences and Training</u>	<u>578.25</u>	<u>60.00</u>
	<u>14,668.34</u>	<u>14,016.25</u>

10 Upkeep of church premises:

	2023	2022
Lighting and heating	9,642.74	9,263.61
Cleaning	5,418.36	4,878.33
Insurances	3,105.55	2,836.52
Repairs and maintenance	20,275.92	7,801.99
<u>Water rates</u>	<u>656.13</u>	<u>550.58</u>
	<u>39,098.70</u>	<u>25,331.03</u>

11	Administration:	2023	2022
	Printing and stationery	829.12	699.10
	Telephone, postage & broadband	1,034.38	692.82
	Church supplies	4,217.57	2,038.94
	Photocopier rental	867.36	867.36
	Subscriptions	2,413.62	2,076.23
	<u>Refunds</u>	<u>867.93</u>	<u>4,890.99</u>
		10,229.98	11,265.44
12	Castle Vale Baptist Church	2023	2022
	Minister's Stipend & Housing Allowance	19,236.00	15,440.04
	Pension, Employer's Contribution	1,594.20	2,104.77
	<u>Minister's Expenses</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,703.40</u>
		20,830.20	19,248.21
13	Petty Cash	2023	2022
		50.00	50.00
14	Other Monetary Assets	2023	2022
	(a) Held for investment purposes		
	Heart of England Baptist Association	8,887.69	8,634.73
15	Non-monetary assets:	2023	2022
	(a) Held for investment purposes (not applicable)		
	(b) Held for the Church's own use:		
	Church premises at 6 Wood End Road, Erdington, Birmingham B24 8AD		
	Buildings insured for	3,353,368	3,263,770
	Contents insured for	92,454	85,290
	Church manse at 6 Cherry Crescent, Erdington, Birmingham B24 8BW		
	Building insured for	241,381	204,216
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Signed: (Treasurer) (Date)

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(Date) *4/4/2024*